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To conduct a series of studies and to provide other researchers with texts that may prove useful in answering a variety of questions about perception in reading, it was necessary for two researchers to create pairs of texts that were different in meaning but were physically different in only one letter. These texts were created by first identifying pairs of words that differed in a single letter and then writing a context of one or more sentences in which either member of the pair would fit and make sense at the same word position in the text. (For example, "leaks/leans" in "The shed...so much it is unusable.") After the introduction, the first section of the document describes the construction of the materials, the two questionnaires used to determine the predictability of the critical word in the texts, the organization of the norms, and the potential uses of the norms in research. The bulk of the document then presents the words themselves, organized by length from three to seven letters and by parts of speech and shape of the pair. (JL)

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CONTEXTUAL PREDICTABILITY NORMS FOR PAIRS OF WORDS DIFFERING IN A SINGLE LETTER

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Abstract

Four hundred sixty-seven pairs of short texts were written. The members of each pair differ only by a single letter in one word. Two sets of predictability norms were obtained for the word pairs containing the distinguishing letters. These texts were used in several studies on perception within and across fixations in reading, and may prove useful to researchers interested in a variety of questions about perception in reading.

Contextual Predictability Norms for Pairs of Words Differing in a Single Letter

In order to conduct a series of studies in our laboratory, it was necessary to create pairs of short texts which were different in meaning but were physically different in only one letter. These texts were created by first identifying pairs of words which differed in a single letter and then writing a context of one or more sentences in which either member of the pair would fit and make sense at the same word position in the text. For example, either member of the word pair leaks/leans fits into the context, "The shed _____ so much it is unusable." As a result, there are two different versions of each text distinguished only by a single letter in one word. In addition, it was necessary to obtain predictability norms for these words, given the text prior to that word position. Having created the sentences and obtained the norming information, it appeared likely that these materials could be useful to other researchers interested in studying perceptual or language processes in reading. This led us to compile the information in the form presented here so it could be available to others. The following sections describe the set of text pairs, the process of norming the materials for predictability, the nature of the normative data presented here, and some possible uses for these materials. In the following discussion, the letter that distinguishes the two versions of a text will be referred to as the critical letter, and the word which contains the critical letter will be referred to as the critical word.

Construction of the materials

The word pairs used to construct the texts were classified along four dimensions which produced 52 groups of word pairs, as summarized in Table 1. The first dimension was word length: three, five, and seven letter words were chosen for these texts. Second is the letter position of the critical letter in the critical word. Three and five letter words could differ in any of the letter positions of the word. Seven letter words could differ in the first, second, fourth, sixth, or seventh letter positions. The third dimension is part of speech. The word pairs were dichotomously classified. Two categories were used, one containing nouns and the other verbs and adjectives. Finally, the word pairs were distinguished by their contrast in word shape. The members of a word pair had either the same or different outline word shape or envelope (cf. Haber & Haber, 1981). For example, the words cling and clink differ in shape, because one critical letter, g, is a descender and the other, k, is an ascender, while the words price and prize do not differ in shape, because both critical letters c and z are short letters.

TABLE 1. Classification hierarchy for word pairs.

Word length	3	5	7
Letter position	1,2,3	1,2,3,4,5	1,2,4,6,7
Part of speech	noun,verb/adj.	noun,verb/adj.	noun,verb/adj.
Word shape	same,diff.	same,diff.	same,diff.
Total groups	12	20	20

The sentence contexts for the words were written to be as natural as possible. Emphasis was placed on avoiding sentences which were unusual or bizarre because of the constraints placed on them. The sentences were written so that was not obvious which word was the critical word. That is, the sentence was not written around the critical word, but, rather, the critical word was written into an inconspicuous place in the text. In addition, besides the target pair of words, members of other word pairs differing by a single letter were deliberately written into the sentences. This was done partly to avoid focusing the sentence around the critical word, and partly to provide additional words by which retention could be tested. Such pairs will be referred to as non-critical pairs. For most of these non-critical pairs, only one of the two words syntactically and sematically fit into the text. For a few texts, both words did. These non-critical word pairs are also listed in the norms, and may be useful for testing or other purposes, but predictability information is not provided. To test retention in our studies, one of the non-critical word pairs was usually used. In a few instances, however, we used a word pair which did not appear in the text. These pairs have also been included in the norms.

At least six texts were written for 51 of the 52 categories of word pairs. The remaining category, seven letter nouns contrasting in the seventh letter and having the same word shape, did not have enough word pairs to write six reasonable texts. To balance groups in our experiments, extra texts from seven letter nouns contrasting in the seventh letter but different in word shape were assigned to this category. These extra texts are presented here in

the appropriate category. Many of the other 51 categories contain more than six texts. With the exception of five letter words contrasting in the first and fourth letters, only the first six texts listed under each category have been used in our studies, and these are typically the most natural-sounding members of the category. There are 456 texts overall. An additional 21 texts containing five letter word pairs contrasting in the first or fourth letters were written to provide extra materials for one experiment. Since complete predictability data were not collected on these extra 21 sentences, they have been labeled differently.

Data on predictability

Two questionnaires were prepared in order to determine the predictability of the critical word in the texts. In the first one, the word questionnaire, subjects were given the texts up to and including the word before the critical word, as in Figure 1.

PASSAGE 6

> On their first trip to Yellowstone, the noisy young campers were in for a nasty surprise. A marauding black bear apparently heard a

Figure 1. Example of text as given in word questionnaire.

They were instructed to complete the sentence by writing three words or more to finish the thought. Subjects were told to give at least three words: if they completed the sentence in less they were to begin another sentence. The

results were taken to indicate how predictable the critical words were from their preceding context. The second questionnaire, the letter questionnaire, provided the texts up to and including the critical word. The critical letter position, however, was replaced by a blank as in Figure 2.

PASSAGE 6

On their first trip to Yellowstone, the noisy young campers were in for a nasty surprise. A marauding black bear apparently heard a s_out

Figure 2. Example of text as given in letter questionnaire.

The subjects' task was to supply the missing letter. They were also told that sometimes more than one letter could fit to make a word appropriate to the context. If more than one word occurred to them, they were instructed to write down only the word that occurred to them first. The results were taken to indicate the relative probability of the two critical words, given the context and letters common to both.

Summary statistics for the word and letter questionnaire responses are given in Tables 2 and 3, respectively. Statistics on the word questionnaire refer only to the first word given to complete the sentences.

TABLE 2. Summary statistics for initial word responses on the word questionnaires from 30 subjects.

1. Number of different initial words given by subjects.

   Mean ..... 17.4 Median 18.0

2. Number of subjects giving the most frequent word.

   Mean ..... 7.5 Median 6.0

3. Number of passages in which one of the critical words was the most frequent word given ..... 41 (8 %)

4. Number of passages in which one of the critical words was the most or second most frequent word given ..... 72 (15 %)

5. Number of passages in which at least one of the critical words was given by at least one subject ..... 130 (28 %)

6. Mean percentage of subjects giving the most frequent critical word as the initial word in their response ..... 4.4 %

7. Mean percent of subjects giving the second most frequent critical word as the initial word in their response ..... 0.3 %

TABLE 3. Summary statistics for responses on the letter questionnaires from 30 subjects.

1. Number of different letters given by subjects.

   Mean ..... 2.9 Median 3.0

2. Number of subjects giving most frequent letter.

   Mean ..... 22.0 Median 22.0

3. Number of passages in which one of the critical letters was the most frequent letter given ..... 430 (94 %)

4. Number of passages in which one of the critical letters was the most or second most frequent letter given ..... 451 (98 %)

5. Number of passages in which the two critical letters were the most and second most frequent ..... 347 (76 %)

6. Mean percent of subjects giving the most frequent critical letter as their response ..... 71.2 %

7. Mean percent of subjects giving the second most frequent critical letter as their response ..... 18.8 %

Each questionnaire was given to thirty subjects. Different subjects filled out the word and letter questionnaires. All subjects were University of Illinois students who were paid for completing the questionnaire. Each questionnaire contained the main body of 456 texts. For the additional 21 sentences added later, however, data were only collected from the letter questionnaire. This additional questionnaire was separate and also was given to thirty subjects, a few of whom were different from the subjects who completed the larger questionnaires.

Organization of the norms

In the following norms, the texts are arranged according to their category. Accompanying each text are the corresponding critical words, non-critical word pairs, and responses from the word and letter predictability questionnaires. Figure 3 gives an example of the presentation format of this information, which is explained below.

7101.02 <gambler/rambler> later/hater (away,sway born,boon)

Tex often goes away from home for several months, only to come back later penniless. His only excuse is that he is a born *ambler and just can't help himself.

Words(13):

7 loser
5 gambler
4 a, wanderer
2 rambler
1 bum, drifter, idiot, pauper, rover, spender, spendthrift, wander

Letters(2):

28 g
2 r

Figure 3. Example of information given for one text.

The first line

In left to right order, the first line gives the following information:

1. an identifying number which codes the category the text belongs to as well as uniquely labeling the text,

2. the critical word pair, which is given in angular brackets,

3. the test items used in our studies, referred to as foil words, which may be a non-critical word pair or a pair not appearing in the text, and

4. two additional non-critical pairs, which are given in parentheses.

It may be possible to specify more than two additional non-critical word pairs for some texts; however, only two per text are given here. For some of these

pairs, both words may make sense in the text, although only one actually appears in it.

The identifying number

The four digits to the left of the decimal point in the identifying number serves as a code for the category to which this text belongs. The first digit identifies the word length. The second identifies which letter position contains the critical letter. The next digit codes the part of speech. If this digit is a zero, the word is a noun; if it is a one, the word is a verb or adjective. The fourth digit codes the word shape difference. If this digit is a zero, the outline shapes of the critical words are the same; if it is a one, the outline shapes of the critical words are different. The two digits to the right of the decimal uniquely label the text within the category to which it belongs. That is, each text within a category receives a different set of digits to the right of the decimal. The combination of these two digits and the four digits identifying the category uniquely labels the text within the entire set of materials.

In order to distinguish the 21 additional texts which only have norms from the letter quesionnnaire, their identification numbers contain a 5 in the tenths position of the decimal. These sentences have been placed at the end of the lists in the categories to which they belong.

The text

Directly below the first line is the text. The critical word appears underlined in the text with an asterisk in the position of the critical letter. The two critical letters appear in the critical words given on the first line. When one of the foil words appears in the text, as is usually the case, that word is also underlined in the text.

Word questionnaire responses

The responses to the word questionnaire are listed below the text itself. Only the first word which subjects gave in their sentence completions are considered here. The number in parentheses is the number of unique words given for this text. Those words are then listed in order of decreasing frequency. The number to the left of each word refers to the number of subjects that gave it as a response. Cases where a subject gave no response were also counted. If two responses have the same frequency, they appear after that frequency, separated by commas. In the example, four people responded with the word a and four people with the word wanderer. When the response listed is also one of the critical words, it is underlined.

Letter questionnaire responses

The letters given by subjects in the letter questionnaire are listed in the same way as the word questionnaire responses. The number in parentheses is the number of unique responses given. The letter responses are listed after their frequencies. Those letters given in response which are also one

of the critical letters are underlined.

Potential uses of the norms

The materials presented here were developed in order to study perception within and across fixations during reading. The texts were displayed on a cathode ray tube (CRT) under computer control. Subjects read as their eye movements were monitored. When their eyes were within a certain region around the critical letter, the critical letter was changed during each forward saccade. Thus, the contents of the location containing the critical word changed from one fixation to the next. After reading each text, subjects were shown four words (the two critical words and the two foil words) and they indicated whether each was in the text. Since the text was different in a specific manner on successive fixations, this environment made it possible to study several questions about the perceptual span, about the use of peripheral vision in reading, and about the integration of information across fixations.

These materials might prove useful in studies investigating the relative effects of visual cues and contextual constraints on word perception. Their primary limitation in this use is the small number of texts in which one of the critical words is truly highly constrained. The requirement that two words, often with little semantic relationship, both fit acceptably into a word position, means that in most cases many other words would fit acceptably there also; hence, most show relatively low constraint.

Since word shape similarity is a variable in these materials, they may be useful in studying the role of word shape in word perception, especially with respect to the use of peripheral vision during reading.

Another issue for which these materials may be useful concerns the relative perceptibility of letters at different positions in a word, and whether this is an important factor in reading. The effects of lateral inhibition on letter perceptibility is well documented (Bouma, 1978). The question is whether, during reading, letters bounded by spaces are perceived from a wider area than letters internal to the word.

Thus, these materials may be useful to study a variety of questions about perception in reading, dealing with effects of word shape, word length, and letter position. At the same time, the predictability norms add the capability of taking language constraint into consideration. We hope that having these materials available will stimulate and facilitate research on the perceptual processes taking place as people read.

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THREE LETTER WORDS

First letter changes

Noun: Same Shape

3100.01 <can/man> picking/packing (rat,cat trash,crash)

I was walking down in the alley yesterday when they were picking up the trash. Suddenly, from out behind the garbage *an came the biggest rat you've ever seen.

(not included)

3100.02 <cat/rat> adopted/adapted (brain,train monkey,donkey)

The neural physiology lab has adopted the rhesus monkey instead of the *at for their new brain monitoring research.

Words(19):
6 chimpanzee
3 rat, white
2 other, (no response)
1 African, ape, black, chip, common, dog, gorilla, guinea, human, lab, marmoset, mice, rabbits, usual

Letters(3):
24 r
3 b, c

3100.03 <bat/hat> pests/posts (grandma,grandpa quiet,quilt)

Billy wouldn't be quiet until his grandma bought him a baseball *at. That dumb kid is one of the worst pests I've seen.

Words(13):
10 and
5 mitt
3 bat, glove
1 a, ball, for, from, that, to, uniform, which, with

Letters(2):
27 b
3 h

3100.04 <gal/pal> cube/cure (arm,art slipped,shipped)

Bill, the hired hand, put his arm around the neck of the tired mare standing beside him. "You're quite a *al," he whispered, and slipped her a cube of sugar.

Words(11):
9 horse
8 gal
3 girl
2 good, worker
1 brave, plucky, pony, race, remarkable, woman

Letters(2):
24 g
6 p

3100.05 <cow/sow> death/depth (left,lent bad,sad)

The death of pa's blue ribbon *ow left the family depressed as well in a bad financial condition.

Words(15):
6 was
5 pig
4 bull
3 cow
2 heifer
1 boar, calf, caused, dog, hog, holstein, horse, spaniel, steer, turkey

Letters(4):
22 c
4 s
3 b
1 (no response)

3100.06 <dog/hog> chimp/champ (train,trail willing,killing)

It's common knowledge that the smartest animal, excepting the chimp, is the *og. They're very friendly, easy to train, and willing to learn.

Words(18):
6 dolphin
4 porpoise
3 dog
2 common, great
1 Homo, cat, duck-billed, go, groundhog, monkey, orangutan, ranchers, red, sea, silver, well-known, wonderful

Letters(2):
28 d
2 h

3100.07 <jam/yam> moldy/moody (food,wood about,abort)

I'd left food in the refrigerator while I was on vacation, but, luckily, when I came back it wasn't moldy, except for the *am that I'd forgotten about anyway.

Words(13):
12 cheese
5 bread
2 cottage, milk
1 colby, edges, fruit, loaf, potato, rice, some, turkey, vegetables

Letters(4):
22 h
6 j
1 s, y

3100.08 <hip/lip> playing/plating (rash,bash oak,yak)

Timmy got a reddish rash on his lower *ip from playing around with some poison oak.

Words(11):
6 leg
5 abdomen, back
3 lip
2 arm, left, legs, right
1 are, forearm, torso

Letters(2):
27 l
3 h

3100.09 <keg/leg> crew/crow (wild,mild lobby,hobby)

After that wild and rowdy beer party in the lobby last night, the clean-up crew discovered that one *eg on the table had somehow been broken.

Words(11):
10 of
7 person
3 partier
2 drunk, party
1 bottle, case, guest, guy, or, plant

Letters(3):
27 k
2 l
1 e

3100.10 <sub/tub> leaked/leaned (brand,grand badly,sadly)

Admiral Black was angry because that brand new *ub we received last weekend was so badly designed that it leaked water profusely.

Words(18):

8	car
3	bicycle, bike
2	watch
1	TV, automatic, clock, comb, dishwasher, employee, lawn, moose, shiny, stereo, suit, television, thingamabob, toy

Letters(4):

23	t
3	c, p
1	s

THREE LETTER WORDS

First letter changes

Noun: Different Shape

3101.01 <fan/man> tries/trips (tries,cries wherever,whenever)

Wherever Billy Graham speaks, Charlie tries to go there to see him. I can truly say that Charlie's the most dedicated *an that I know.

Words(11):
8 follower
5 Billy, Christian, fan
1 Christians, born, disciple, fanatic, nut, of, person

Letters(2):
17 m
13 f

3101.02 <ham/yam> stale/style (old,odd cramp,clamp)

The old tramp sat down on a door step and tried to rub a cramp out of the calf of his left leg. Then he pulled a stale roll, part of a *am, and a turnip from his bag and began to eat his dinner.

Words(26):
4 sausage
2 sandwich
1 banana, beer, bottle, chicken, chunk, cigar, cold, cookie, dinner, donut, half-eaten, hamburger, hot, large, letter, loaf, long, old, pear, piece, potato, previous, stolen, turkey

Letters(5):
22 h
4 v
2 j
1 t, (no response)

3101.03 <eel/gel> jar/jaw (junk,gunk showed,shoved)

Tim brought home some terrible junk from the biochemistry lab. He showed me one jar containing a disgusting *el which smelled so bad that I dropped it on the floor.

Words(23):
3 old, piece
2 looking, mixture, specimen
1 amino, baby, blue, collection, concoction, fetal, fetus, green, little, lizard, mold, odor, pickled, rat, roach, sample, section, smelling

Letters(4):
15 e
8 g
6 j
1 m

3101.04 <bat/cat> class/clasp (black,block arts,arks)

Professor Loreau was lecturing on witchcraft and the black arts in his history class. The first lecture concerned the use of the *at as a symbol of evil since ancient times.

Words(20):

8	voodoo
3	spells
2	cross
1	Cabala, Tarot, black, cauldron, dreams, herbs, mysterious, natural, needles, notorious, potions, religious, rites, rituals, salt, symbols, talisman

Letters(7):

16	c
8	b
2	r
1	h, l, s, v

3101.05 <fun/sun> beach/teach (going,doing get,let)

The whole family's going to the beach to get some *un before the summer is completely over.

Words(9):

13	sun
4	fresh
3	fun, rays
2	exercise, sunshine
1	much, sand, shells

Letters(1):

30	s

3101.06 <pad/wad> butler/butter (found,wound shaky,snaky)

Sherlock finally solved the case of the snubbed butler. The final clue was found in shaky writing on a small *ad of paper lying on top of an old oak dish.

Words(17):

11	piece
4	scrap
1	brown, coat, corner, envelope, handkerchief, linen, note, pad, piano, post, recipe, register, table, wadded, white

Letters(1):

30	p

3101.07 <man/pan> store/stove (same,lame store,shore)

"I saw that very same *an at the store that I was telling you about yesterday," she said excitedly.

Words(17):
8 movie
3 dress, man
2 car, picture
1 behavior, book, child, coat, expression, item, look, outfit, painting, show, sweater, thing

Letters(5):
25 m
2 c
1 f, p, t

3101.08 <ham/yam> food/foot (meals,deals costs,hosts)

Our night out was one of the best meals I've had in a long time. The baked *am was especially delicious. Yet the entire thing only costs about as much as one of those fast food places.

Words(17):
8 Alaska
4 potatoes
3 beans
2 lasagna
1 bean, bread, chicken, cod, fish, fished, flounder, goods, ham, lobster, partridge, pheasant, sole

Letters(2):
29 h
1 n

3101.09 <cue/hue> trained/drained (would,could rat,cat)

I thought that a blue colored chip would signal the rat to turn left in the maze, but evidently the animal had been trained to respond to a different *ue than I had thought.

Words(10):
11 color
5 colored
4 stimulus
2 form, set, type
1 kind, signal, sort, stimuli

Letters(3):
25 c
4 h
1 n

3101.10 <dip/rip> chips/chops (chips,whips cover,covet)

I put the bowl of chips on the dining room table judiciously, so it would cover the little *ip that the table cloth had acquired.

Words(14):

8	spot
5	burn
3	stain
2	crack, hole, scratch
1	bit, burnt, cigarette, dark, doily, gravy, the, water

Letters(5):

16	r
7	d
4	n
2	l
1	t

THREE LETTER WORDS

First letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Same Shape

3110.01 <dry/fry> fun/fan (older,odder leave,lease)

Joey's older brother laughed at his stupidity, and then explained: "Don't leave your pet turtle outside in the summer time. In the scalding hot sun it'll *ry until it's dead. And dead turtles are no fun to play with."

Words(11):
8 die
6 get
5 dry
2 fry, roast, shrivel
1 bake, dehydrate, kill, overheat, quickly

Letters(3):
17 d
12 f
1 t

3110.02 <can/ran> shook/shock (shouted,spouted believe,relieve)

Robert shouted at his brother, who was standing far across the field. "I'm sure I *an, but you never believe me," he cried. His brother shook his head and walked off.

Words(13):
11 can
3 saw
2 can't, could, hit, left, wouldn't
1 don't, know, lost, must, put, told

Letters(3):
28 c
1 r, t

3110.03 <rip/zip> stuck/stack (tried,pried trapped,tripped)

When the family discovered their camping tent was on fire they ran to the front and tried to *ip the door open. Somehow it had gotten stuck and they were trapped.

Words(14):
6 get, put
3 unzip
2 douse, escape, open, pull
1 attract, beat, call, dig, find, smother, untie

Letters(5):
16 r
7 t
3 z
2 d, n

3110.04 <bug/hug> loves/lives (that,what just,must)

Terry said that she loves to *ug her brother just because it irritates him so much.

Words(17):
7 go
3 dance
2 ride, run, ski, watch, water
1 blow, cook, jump, make, pick, put, read, take, talk, walk

Letters(4):
25 h
2 b, t
1 l

3110.05 <get/jet> home/hope (going,doing closed,closer)

How are we going to *et home quickly if all the airports are closed because of the blizzard?

Words(18):
5 ever, get
3 pay
2 find, finish
1 answer, convince, discover, do, know, manage, open, pull, reach, remedy, select, solve, stop

Letters(6):
20 g
4 s
3 l
1 b, f, w

3110.06 <die/lie> sworn/shorn (figured,figures local,vocal)

Major Flagg figured that, because of his nationality, he might even have to *ie when he was in Namibia. Local guerillas had sworn to torture and kill all American imperialists.

Words(24):
4 change
2 enter, join, leave
1 I, acquire, appeal, delay, die, disguise, employ, eventually, except, fight, get, give, have, lie, prove, re-declare, seek, take, use, work

Letters(3):
18 l
8 d
4 t

3110.07 <coo/moo> store/stone (swear,sweat could,would)

I swear that mocking birds can imitate anything. Last night in the pet store I heard our bird *oo. But for the life of me I don't know where she could have picked up that sound.

Words(19):

5	imitate
3	imitating, sing
2	bark, barking, sound
1	answer, bird, do, gurgle, imitates, laugh, meowing, mimicking, neigh, repeat, say, scream, singing

Letters(5):

21	c
4	m
3	b
1	g, l

3110.08 <bit/hit> rabid/rapid (could,would hurt,hunt)

The rabid animal almost *it Russ, but we killed it before it could actually hurt him.

Words(11):

19	bit
2	got
1	always, bite, caused, cost, escaped, his, killed, lost, ran

Letters(3):

25	b
4	h
1	p

THREE LETTER WORDS

First letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Different Shape

3111.01 <bet/get> horse/horde (horse,house right,light)

They say that if you will just *et the right amount of money on the right horse, you're guarantied a good return on your investment.

Words(14):

7	relax
6	be
3	eat, try
2	listen
1	apply, have, keep, repeat, run, sit, take, think, wait

Letters(5):

9	g, l
6	s
5	b
1	w

3111.02 <jab/nab> hook/honk (tried,pried metal,medal)

The coyote let out a series of long and wailful cries as the farmer cornered him in the henhouse and tried to *ab him with a long stick that had a metal hook on the end.

Words(15):

7	shoot
4	capture, kill
2	get, shot, tie
1	aim, chase, close, coax, do, hit, put, shoo, wring

Letters(4):

17	n
9	t
3	d
1	a

3111.03 <bad/sad> milk/mile (warning,warming spill,swill)

Theresa shook her finger at her three year old. "I'm warning you," she said. "If you spill your milk again you will be a very *ad boy, and will have to get down from the table."

Words(5):

22	sorry
3	bad
2	unhappy, very
1	naughty

Letters(2):

17	s
13	b

3111.04 <gag/nag> half/halt (talked,balked change,charge)

When his younger sister talked too much on the telephone, it is reported that Will Fenster used to *ag her for a half hour to try to convince her to change.

Words(21):
6 cut
3 hang
2 push, yell
1 badger, beat, become, begin, disconnect, go, grab, hit, listen, lock, pull, scream, short, simply, tape, unplug, yank

Letters(3):
18 n
11 g
1 b

3111.05 <hop/pop> hid/hip (dog,hog chased,ceased)

Bobby saw the prairie dog *op up out of his burrow. He chased the little fellow across the sand but he lost it as it hid in some underbrush.

Words(24):
3 and
2 before, just, pop, run
1 bobbing, disappear, dive, duck, eat, for, had, in, jump, looking, peering, scatter, scurry, sit, sitting, standing, through, tunnel, vanish

Letters(5):
21 h
5 p
2 t
1 c, n

3111.06 <bug/mug> parks/packs (waiting,writing person,parson)

Citizens have complained about the unemployed thugs who hang around the parks waiting for an opportunity to *ug an innocent person for some money.

Words(13):
9 mug
5 steal
3 rip
2 beg, pick, rob
1 break, earn, have, pickpocket, prey, shake, take

Letters(3):
26 m
3 b
1 r

3111.07 <aid/kid> bed/bee (looked,locked would,could)

Mike walked into the bedroom and looked at his sad brother, who was in the bed. "I wouldn't *id you unless I thought it would make you feel better" he said.

Words(17):

6	want
4	worry
2	be, do, feel, get, spend
1	cry, forget, go, know, lie, like, say, trade, try, wish

Letters(4):

19	k
5	b
4	r
2	h

THREE LETTER WORDS

Second letter changes

Noun: Same Shape

3200.01 <gin/gun> shack/snack (hiked,biked get,set)

As we hiked up to his shack, the hillbilly ran inside to get his g*n. We knew then that we were going to be in for an interesting day.

Words(14):
8 shotgun
6 gun
3 rifle
2 shot, wife
1 double-barrelled, fishing, hound, jug, most, pot, rusty, twenty, water

Letters(2):
29 u
1 i

3200.02 <rag/rug> drapes/grapes (attic,antic out,cut)

Looking in the attic, I found an old r*g and some drapes that were moldy and motheaten, so I threw them out.

Words(15):
6 picture, trunk
2 chest, dress, painting, pair, tea
1 beat, box, bureau, crate, photo, piece, sweater, truck

Letters(2):
23 u
7 a

3200.03 <gem/gum> silly/silty (would,could most,lost)

Sally would not part with her g*m. It seems silly, but she considers it her most valued possession.

Words(19):
6 old
5 favorite
2 doll, new
1 antique, baby, battered, brother, collection, dirty, dolly, grandmother's, kitten, long, most, puppy, purse, soft, stuffed

Letters(3):
19 u
9 y
2 e

3200.04 <act/art> stage/state (new,now director,disector)

O'Neill's new play is the finest a*t I've seen on the New York stage since I've been a director.

Words(16):
5 he
4 one, work
3 piece
2 he's, of
1 I, I've, comedy, dramatic, ever, example, portrayal, to, we, written

Letters(2):
16 r
14 c

3200.05 <bay/boy> port/pork (learn,yearn yet,set)

We had to go to the b*y to learn whether the ship from Poland had come into port yet.

Words(17):
10 store
3 bank
2 doctor, hospital
1 back, bathroom, church, circus, grocery, ice, lab, market, movie, neighbor's, office, school, senior

Letters(3):
25 a
4 o
1 r

3200.06 <fan/fun> concert/concern (singer,ringer ever,even)

The singer encountered the greatest f*n he ever had or ever will have at the Chicago concert.

Words(19):
6 difficulty
4 challenge
2 audience, obstacle, resistance
1 amount, applause, hurdle, lyricist, note, of, opposition, satisfaction, sound, tenor, test, trials, voice, welcome

Letters(3):
15 a
14 u
1 v

3200.07 <yap/yip> pup/cup (heard,hoard there,where)

This morning I heard a y*p from behind the door. I looked behind it and there was this cute little fluffy pup with a stubby tail.

Words(23):

3	news
2	cardinal, crash, gun, loud, robin
1	bell, bird, bomb, cardinals, dog, fight, fire, funny, good, gunshot, morning, mourning, pretty, red, report, shout, whippoorwill

Letters(4):

15	i
13	a
1	e, (no response)

3200.08 <rat/rot> touch/couch (bread,break saw,sat)

She wouldn't touch the bread because of the r*t she claimed she saw on top of it.

Words(17):

14	mold
1	ants, bleached, crust, fly, germs, green, jam, lack, mice, new, prickly, roaches, rumor, sesame, spot, ugly

Letters(2):

16	a
14	o

THREE LETTER WORDS

Second letter changes

Noun: Different Shape

3201.01 <ode/one> earning/earring (among,along prizes,primes)

After looking over the entries that had won in the poetry contest, Justin felt that the o*e he had submitted was as good as any, and should have been among those earning prizes.

Words(19):
9 judges
2 contest, poem, winning
1 agony, best, competition, effort, first, judge, judging, last, only, publicity, second, state, winners, writers, young

Letters(3):
16 d
13 n
1 p

3201.02 <age/ale> old/odd (great,treat these,those)

Bill marveled at the great a*e of these old German breweries.

Words(25):
5 size
2 white
1 Santini, amount, beauty, big, charm, diversity, dog, luminous, magician's, mass, masterpiece, piece, score, shark, soloist, splendor, statesman, statue, sunset, tall, trapeze, view, whitefish

Letters(5):
14 p
8 g
4 c
2 l, x

3201.03 <sea/spa> head/herd (while,whole clear,clean)

Ann took the afternoon off to go to the s*a. She says that going there for a while gives her an invigorating lift and helps her clear her head.

Words(24):
4 beach
3 doctor
2 zoo
1 Cub's, bank, baseball, beauty, clothing, doctors, family, hairdresser, hairdressers, hospital, movies, new, opening, orthodontist, park, play, pool, shop, shopping, show, supermarket

Letters(4):
18 a
10 p
1 t, (no response)

3201.04 <ace/age> unable/usable (might,fight never,newer)

Try as he might, he was unable to hide his a*e. He had to admit that deception was never his best suit.

Words(23):
2 anger, embarrassment, emotions, feelings, guilt, shame, surprise
1 big, blood-stained, desire, embarrassing, excitement, fear, feeling, frustration, glee, happiness, lack, reaction, shaking, smile, sorrow, wounds

Letters(5):
22 g
3 c
2 w, x
1 p

3201.05 <ale/axe> market/marker (had,has other,otter)

The lumberjack claimed that he had made his own a*e, and that it was better than any other on the market.

Words(21):
6 axe
4 cabin
2 log
1 axes, bed, fame, furniture, future, home, jacket, life, logging, lumber, name, red, saws, shirt, special, suit, tool, wood

Letters(5):
18 x
6 l
2 c, g, w

3201.06 <sky/spy> looked/looted (how,now would,could)

As Jonathan looked at the s*y he wondered how long it would be before justice would finally prevail in America.

Words(24):
4 clock
3 painting
2 paper
1 beautifully, bird, book, cake, ceiling, child, children, dog, girls, harp, picture, pictures, report, seagull, sky, snow, strange, sunset, toys, vast, window

Letters(4):
24 k
3 h
2 p
1 l

3201.07 <ewe/eye> shack/shark (black,blank roof,room)

The stranger saw that the shepherd's e*e was large and black, and that the roof of the tin shack beyond was laden with snow.

Words(15):
5 dog
4 herd, staff
3 coat
2 crook, flock, sheep
1 cape, days, face, home, hut, path, wagon, were

Letters(3):
20 y
8 w
2 c

3201.08 <ace/ape> hitched/pitched (women,woman never,lever)

I've got to admit, Burt is a real a*e when it comes to women. At the rate he's going he'll never settle down and get hitched.

Words(24):
3 go
2 friend, nice, smart, smooth
1 authority, brain, clown, disciple, expert, fun, funny, gentleman, great, handsome, hard, ladies, ladies', mover, star, strange, swell, swinger, tough

Letters(3):
19 c
10 p
1 g

3201.09 <all/awl> build/guild (the,tie help,held)

Randy's such a thoughtful guy, he gave his a*l to the Joneses to help them build their new garage.

Words(17):
6 mother
4 girlfriend, wife
3 sister
1 brother, car, girl, help, ice, life, lunch, money, raincoat, sandwich, shirt, umbrella, word

Letters(3):
27 l
2 t
1 w

3201.10 <due/dye> dealt/deals (local,vocal been,seen)

The marshal was firmly convinced that the local storekeeper had received his d*e but of course the storekeeper was sure that he had been dealt with unjustly.

Words(21):

3	goods, merchandise
2	just, money, notice, orders, payment
1	T.V.s, extra, fair, final, first, kickback, last, letter, message, paycheck, summons, threatening, warning, wealth

Letters(4):

22	u
4	y
3	i
1	o

THREE LETTER WORDS

Second letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Same Shape

3210.01 <pig/pug> toy/coy (names,games nose,rose)

Little Sally explained to her dad what the names of all her toy animals were. Starting with her favorite she reported: "The big fat puppet with the p*g nose is the one I call Mr. Rickles."

Words(13):
11 red
5 big
3 hat
2 blue
1 dancing, long, mustache, orange, pig, pink, tall, the, yellow

Letters(3):
14 i, u
2 e

3210.02 <are/ate> pointed/jointed (buckles,buckled shoes,shops)

Gwen stared at the little man with brass buckles on his pointed shoes. "Why, you a*e like a little pig," she exclaimed.

Words(14):
7 look, must
5 are
1 come, cute, funny, giving, got, have, idiot, remind, rotten, wear, were

Letters(5):
21 r
5 p
2 t
1 c, d

3210.03 <odd/old> local/vocal (lives,lived quite,quote)

At the end of our street there's the broken down shack where Mr. McGee lives. I have never talked to such an o*d man in all my life. It is really quite an experience.

Words(13):
10 interesting
5 old
4 eccentric
2 angry
1 amazing, dirty, intelligent, kind, odd, ornery, unconventional, unharmful, unsocial

Letters(2):
17 l
13 d

3210.04 <beg/bug> money/honey (refuse,refute feel,fuel)

"I steadfastly refuse to b*g the priest for any more money," the unemployed worker said. "I already feel shameful for accepting his charity."

Words(22):
4 take
2 answer, be, compromise, have, participate
1 admit, agree, allow, believe, except, falsify, kiss, let, lower, make, play, support, tell, vote, wash, work

Letters(5):
16 e
7 u
5 a
1 o, v

3210.05 <shy/sly> naughty/haughty (know,knot done,none)

"My little girl is very s*y", said the embarrassed dad. "You never know what she's up to until she's done something naughty."

Words(24):
4 smart
2 bright, much, precocious
1 careful, cute, excited, feminine, happy, hard, inquisitive, intelligent, obnoxious, outgoing, particular, pretty, quick, scared, sensible, shy, sweet, talented, uncoordinated, young

Letters(1):
30 h

3210.06 <pat/put> board/beard (flour,floor dough,bough)

Always make sure that you p*t flour on the wooden board lightly before you roll the dough on it.

Words(17):
5 look
3 close, look, turn
2 fasten, know, wash
1 ask, brush, buckle, finish, get, have, keep, read, tie, wear

Letters(2):
28 u
2 e

3210.07 <can/con> fire/file (going,doing job,mob)

The company's heartless personnel manager, Forster, was going to take some unauthorized steps to fire my cousin. "If you c*n him out of his job," I told Forster, "He'll never be able to feed his wife and kids."

Words(13):
10 don't
4 do
3 ever, fire
2 say
1 are, cannot, complain, continue, cross, have, interfere, think

Letters(1):
30 a

3210.08 <toy/try> skilled/spilled (could,would while,whale)

He felt that if he could just t*y with the correct tools for a while, he might be able to become a relatively skilled locksmith.

Words(19):
10 get
2 have, reach
1 barely, be, continue, do, find, finish, go, hold, make, meet, overcome, pass, prove, sing, stop, talk

Letters(2):
29 r
1 o

3210.09 <ace/awe> skill/spill (card,hard game,gate)

Every time I visit the old man, he'll a*e me again with his card playing because his skill at the game is so fantastic.

Words(15):
8 tell
4 give, talk
2 ask, offer
1 be, grin, insist, launch, reminisce, repeat, smile, start, wants, yell

Letters(5):
26 g
1 a, l, p, (no response)

3210.10 <pat/pet> stray/straw (say,saw head,lead)

My mother always used to say "Don't p*t stray dogs on the head, they might bite you!"

Words(21):
3 count, eat, forget
2 do, play, touch
1 bit, bite, borrow, ever, expect, fight, go, pick, put, slam, talk, turn, wad, wash, wear

Letters(3):
27 u
2 e
1 v

3210.11 <tie/toe> coach/roach (win,pin contest,congest)

If their team was going to win the rope-throwing contest, the coach felt they were going to have to t*e the line more strongly than they had ever done before.

Words(15):
11 practice
3 work
2 do, go, train
1 be, buckle, concentrate, develop, double, have, put, resort, start, try

Letters(3):
28 i
1 l, o

THREE LETTER WORDS

Second letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Different Shape

3211.01 <add/aid> lists/lifts (run,ran needy,seedy)

This charity organization is run so inefficiently that it's a wonder that they can a*d yet another needy group of people on their help lists.

Words(23):
5 make
3 even
2 stay
1 be, break, collect, continue, earn, ever, function, gain, get, give, have, keep, maintain, manage, provide, raise, send, sign, still, survive

Letters(2):
19 d
11 i

3211.02 <age/are> bottles/battles (process,prowess ready,heady)

As we finally passed to the north end of the winery, our guide reported: "At the end of the process, the wines a*e in their bottles, until ready to be sold."

Words(6):
24 are
2 will
1 age, aged, color, go

Letters(2):
21 g
9 r

3211.03 <ace/ape> pointing/painting (monkey,donkey house,horse)

"And, now, here is our a*e exhibit!" the zookeeper said proudly, pointing to the monkey house.

Words(17):
5 new
3 beloved, guest, host
2 leader, next, president
1 book, dog, favorite, finest, five, homecoming, last, master, only, sponsor

Letters(8):
10 c, p
5 g
1 d, e, l, r, w

3211.04 <pay/ply> furs/fury (could,would more,sore)

Boris believed that if he could p*y this young actress with a lot of money, she might overlook some of the more negative aspects of his appearance and mannerisms.

Words(25):
3 finish, just
2 run
1 ask, climb, complete, convince, delay, eat, find, follow, get, graduate, if, jump, learn, make, meet, only, play, secure, swim, try, win, work

Letters(3):
18 a
10 r
2 l

3211.05 <fly/fry> food/good (fighter,lighter pilot,pivot)

The only possible way to have the food ready on time was to ask Frank Adams, the fighter pilot, to f*y the buffalo steaks, but that went against all previous planning.

Words(20):
5 fly
4 make
2 help, radio, start
1 bake, buy, come, cook, deliver, do, fix, plead, prepare, put, quickly, talk, wake, wrap, (no response)

Letters(2):
23 l
7 r

3211.06 <ape/awe> fact/face (seemed,deemed peers,seers)

Felix always seemed to a*e his sister, a fact that his mother found constantly amusing, and about which she often commented to her peers.

Words(11):
13 be
5 like
3 know
2 play
1 bite, enjoy, have, miss, snore, understand, want

Letters(2):
23 g
7 c

THREE LETTER WORDS

Third letter changes

Noun: Same Shape

3300.01 <top/toy> ribbing/robbing (oldest,eldest father,fatter)

"You've been ribbing your baby brother long enough," shouted the angry father to his oldest son. "Now give him back his to*. After all, you're too old to play with it, anyway."

Words(18):
5 toy
4 toys
3 teddy
2 bottle, new, rattle
1 ball, bat, choo, coloring, doll, favorite, fine, glass, his, play, security, turtle

Letters(3):
27 y
2 e
1 2

3300.02 <foe/fox> boasted/blasted (still,stilt boasted,toasted)

"My opponent is a clever fo*, but I'm still too smart for him," boasted the general.

Words(19):
5 and
3 politician, speaker
2 man, player, strategist
1 candidate, debater, educated, fellow, joker, little, manipulator, obfuscator, one, orator, rationalizer, son, woman

Letters(5):
21 e
5 x
2 r
1 g, (no response)

3300.03 <fun/fur> dreamed/dreaded (having,saving had,has)

Muriel always dreamed of having the same kind of fu* that her rich neighbor Janice had.

Words(19):
7 house
2 car, clothes, coat, dress, life
1 big, boyfriend, career, clothing, eyes, fame, home, man, prestige, romance, scafe, success, teeth

Letters(2):
19 n
11 r

3300.04 <pen/pet> buy/bug (met,bet old,odd)

I was taking a walk Saturday to the store, hoping to buy a new pe*, when I met my old friend Jill and got sidetracked.

Words(13):
6 coat, pair
4 dress
2 bike, outfit, shirt, suit
1 bicycle, fork, hat, raincoat, seat, shovel

Letters(4):
19 t
9 n
1 c, h

3300.05 <hue/hum> lights/rights (never,newer much,such)

I can never study in a classroom because the hu* of the florescent lights disturbs me too much.

Words(19):
10 noise
2 desks, seats
1 atmosphere, class, constant, desk, distraction, distractions, environment, heat, lights, noises, others, presence, pressure, room, silence, street

Letters(4):
26 m
2 b
1 d, t

3300.06 <nun/nut> act/apt (way,ray going,doing)

I forgot to tell you that my sister's a nu*, so don't be surprised at the way she's going to act towards you.

Words(24):
4 nun
2 member, student, very
1 an, bank, black, brilliant, concert, freshman, graduate, high, linebacker, little, loud, lunatic, pi, professional, real, registered, report, secretary, straight, taxidermist

Letters(2):
24 n
6 t

3300.07 <gum/gun> playing/praying (reached,reacted pocket,packet)

Joey reached into his pocket to get his gu*, but it wasn't there. Then he remembered that Bruce had stolen it when they were playing cops and robbers.

Words(22):
4 wallet
3 keys
2 last, money, pocket
1 brand, calculator, cash, change, dollar, handkerchief, key, knife, marbles, pack, pet, slingshot, special, switchblade, toad, toothbrush, watch

Letters(3):
18 n
11 m
1 r

3300.08 <pea/pen> stuck/snuck (covers,movers making,waking)

The reason I had such a hard time sleeping last night, I discovered, was that there was a pe* stuck under the covers which was making me uncomfortable.

Words(18):
8 pea
4 lump
2 broken, bug
1 ball, book, fire, hole, number, party, rock, short, siren, small, spring, thunder, toy, window

Letters(4):
9 a, n, t
3 g

3300.09 <ram/rat> wrapper/trapper (glass,class stuffed,scuffed)

At the natural history museum, someone had left a candy wrapper in the glass case that had the stuffed ra* in it. I don't know how they got it in there.

Words(24):
3 birds
2 animals, bear, buffalo, owl
1 American, Egyptian, bats, bears, beaver, bird, boar, carrier, cave, grizzly, lions, owls, penguin, polar, prairie, racoon, reptile, sea, squirrel

Letters(6):
24 t
2 m
1 g, p, r, y

3300.10 <lab/lad> likes/lakes (fool,foal know,knot)

Doug likes to go and fool around with the la* downstairs on Saturdays. We let him because we know he won't get into any trouble.

Words(20):

5	girls
3	boys, car
2	cars, guys
1	animals, chemicals, computers, dog, dogs, fellows, gang, kids, local, miniature, pinball, recreational, tools, weights, young

Letters(4):

14	b
10	d
5	w
1	g

THREE LETTER WORDS

Third letter changes

Noun: Different Shape

3301.01 <kid/kin> hit/bit (pansy,patsy protect,project)

"I had to hit that guy after he called Freddie a pansy," explained the disgruntled man to the judge. "After all, Freddie is my own ki* and I've got to protect him."

Words(7):
15 flesh
6 brother
5 son
1 best, cousin, little, wife's

Letters(2):
26 d
4 n

3301.02 <elk/elm> woods/foods (great,greet now,not)

A species indigenous to the woods and forests of North America, the great el*, is now, unfortunately, on the endangered list.

Words(14):
6 grizzly
4 horned, oak
3 black
2 brown, elk, white
1 California, bald, but, maple, oaks, redwood, sequoia

Letters(3):
26 k
2 f, m

3301.03 <bud/bug> pointed/jointed (excited,excised plant,plane)

My daughter was very excited over something in the greenhouse. So I went with her and looked at the plant she pointed to and, sure enough, there was a large bu* emerging from the foliage.

Words(21):
5 spider
2 black, bloom, blossom, bud, cocoon
1 and, bug, bumble, cannibus, flower, fly, hole, money, piece, pod, red, tiger, tomato, venus, (no response)

Letters(2):
19 d
11 g

3301.04 <cab/car> lived/dived (handed,banded drove,prove)

Everything in my grandpa's family was secondhand I've been told. Clothes were handed down from child to child, my great-grandfather drove a secondhand ca* to work, and even the house was lived in before.

Words(13):
10 car
6 buggy
2 bicycle, truck, wagon
1 Buick, Chevy, Model, automobile, carriage, jalopy, rig, tractor

Letters(2):
28 r
2 b

3301.05 <aid/aim> stated/skated (centers,canters stated,states)

"Our current military ai* centers on the Persian Gulf countries." the Soviet general stated frankly.

Words(16):
4 strategy
3 forces, policy, status, strength
2 force, is, situation
1 posture, procedures, prowess, stance, state, system, systems, (no response)

Letters(3):
26 d
2 m, r

3301.06 <fig/fir> swing/sting (scrubby,shrubby planted,planned)

In the backyard of the old house an old fashioned swing is standing next to a scrubby fi* tree that General Lee planted.

Words(16):
12 old
2 bush, lilac, looking
1 children's, dead, dog, little, oak, pine, shack, shed, slide, teeter, trellis, worm

Letters(3):
15 g
14 r
1 l

3301.07 <flu/fly> state/slate (that,what viral,vital)

The Health Department believes that the Spanish fl* is responsible for many of the viral infections reported by the state health clinics.

Words(18):
10 flu
2 immigrants, influenza, rice
1 beetle, cause, community, flea, fly, fort, inquisition, migrants, neighborhood, omlette, people, poodles, section, speaking

Letters(2):
18 u
12 y

3301.08 <kid/kit> might/fight (playing,praying hurt,hurl)

We don't like Davy playing with Dr. Benson's ki*, because we are afraid that he might hurt himself.

Words(22):
3 children
2 cat, equipment, instruments, little, medical, stethoscope
1 bag, daughter, dog, dogs, expensive, kids, office, older, pencil, primitive, ragged, sharp, son, tools, violin

Letters(3):
16 t
13 d
1 n

3301.09 <jab/jam> busted/rusted (leaking,leaving rag,rug)

To stop the busted oil can from leaking, you can ja* an old rag into the hole where the oil is coming from.

Words(18):
6 plug
4 patch, put
2 pour
1 apply, braise, hold, mend, only, place, set, stick, stop, stuff, tape, turn, use, wrap

Letters(3):
22 m
4 b, r

THREE LETTER WORDS

Third letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Same Shape

3310.01 <ban/bar> autos/altos (decided,decoded years,bears)

President Reagan decided, in the interest of the domestic automobile industry, to ba* the importation of Japanese autos for a period of three years.

Words(20):

5	give
4	limit
3	put
2	support
1	bail, ban, buy, curb, finance, impose, increase, institute, lend, loan, lower, recommend, restrict, stop, supply, tax

Letters(6):

23	n
2	g, r
1	c, d, t

3310.02 <rig/rip> sail/soil (even,ever failed,sailed)

He tried valiantly to ri* the sail of his father-in-law's catamaran, but even with great effort he failed.

Words(13):

13	save
4	rescue
2	defend, stop
1	complete, escape, finish, fix, maintain, overcome, put, swerve, win

Letters(3):

21	d
8	p
1	b

3310.03 <see/sew> room/roam (new,net she,shy)

I certainly should go se* my daughter's new blouse, thought Janet as she glanced toward the girl's room.

Words(11):

17	to
3	and
2	back
1	as, do, downtown, home, speak, think, visit, (no response)

Letters(3):

28	e
1	a, t

3310.04 <owe/own> pry/cry (resent,repent matters,masters)

"Sir, you are mistaken. I do not ow* the First National Bank at all," Mr. Breed said to the reporter, "and I resent you trying to pry into my private matters!"

Words(13):

12	know
4	intend
3	own
2	have
1	agree, do, drink, drive, live, love, now, think, wish

Letters(2):

17	n
13	e

3310.05 <tar/tax> roads/roars (claimed,clammed that,what)

The road commissioner claimed that the ta* they put on every summer is needed to keep the roads in good condition.

Words(18):

7	roads
4	road
3	streets
2	funds
1	bidding, bulldozers, driving, go, highway, job, major, paving, project, rain, red, repairs, taxes, toll

Letters(7):

16	r
6	x
3	p
2	g
1	b, n, (no response)

3310.06 <aim/air> brass/grass (going,doing planned,planted)

The network brass told TV Guide's reporter that they are going to ai* their planned talk show to late-night young audiences.

Words(22):

3	stop, sue
2	cancel, cut, have, start
1	a, ban, begin, black, change, close, drop, dump, expand, fire, ignore, pilot, replace, show, showing, try

Letters(3):

21	d
7	m
2	r

3310.07 <owe/own> dollars/collars (million,billion mark,mask)

It had always been Emer's desire to ow* a million dollars. That, he believed, was the mark of a financially successful businessman.

Words(19):
6 go
3 become
2 be, climb, see, travel
1 do, finish, get, grow, help, invent, leave, live, own, ride, run, swim, teach

Letters(2):
26 n
4 e

3310.08 <hid/hit> present/prevent (going,doing tube,tubs)

The new TV was going to be a surprise birthday present, but when my father-in-law hi* it in the closet he broke the picture tube.

Words(13):
8 found
7 saw
4 came
2 got
1 brought, finds, guessed, mentioned, opened, overheard, presented, visited, walked

Letters(3):
25 d
4 t
1 s

3310.09 <far/fat> wants/rants (that,what wants,warts)

My friend Teddy is so fa* that nobody wants to go visit him.

Words(19):
5 smart
3 funny, nice, shy
2 short
1 far, fast, fun, go, handsome, immature, much, nervous, pompous, popular, reliable, sweet, touchy, wild

Letters(2):
28 t
2 r

THREE LETTER WORDS

Third letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Different Shape

3311.01 <fit/fix> frown/flown (skirt,shirt hours,tours)

Miss Bates looked at the new outfit with a frown. Her dressmaker came up to her and promised, "We'll fi* that skirt of yours so it'll look beautiful, ma'am."

Words(13):

6	fix
5	make
3	be, have, take
2	alter, do
1	get, let, redo, remake, soon, straighten

Letters(2):

20	t
10	x

3311.02 <nab/nag> act/art (would,could such,much)

How did Jeanie manage to na* her husband? I would never have expected such an act from her.

Words(16):

14	get
2	do
1	climb, comb, convince, copy, find, fit, fool, keep, live, overcome, pass, save, take, (no response)

Letters(4):

15	p
9	b
5	g
1	w

3311.03 <mop/mow> bake/bare (most,host mending,vending)

Francine had a lot of things that had to be done before the weekend, but the most important were to mo*, bake, and finish the mending.

Words(18):

7	get
3	clean
2	buy, finish, pack, wash
1	be, call, cook, do, fill, go, mail, purchase, shop, study, take, type

Letters(3):

24	p
5	w
1	v

3311.04 <tap/tax> ability/agility (seems,stems have,save)

Jerry seems to have the ability to ta* the resources of any teacher, male or female, introvert or extrovert, old or young.

Words(23):
5 do
2 communicate, know, read
1 anticipate, calm, deal, economic, empathize, fluster, get, help, hit, listen, look, make, move, paint, perpetuate, run, say, speak, understand

Letters(5):
17 p
7 n
3 g
2 x
1 l

3311.05 <hoe/hog> things/thinks (the,thy told,sold)

Jeffrey, please don't ho* the tomatoes. Just do the things I've told you.

Words(22):
4 talk
2 do, pester, sit, squeeze, yell
1 be, bother, call, disappoint, get, hit, let, lock, pull, put, stand, tease, tell, through, touch, track

Letters(3):
27 p
2 g
1 v

3311.06 <pat/paw> smart/start (leg,log needs,weeds)

Our pet is real smart. She'll even pa* your leg if she needs to go outside.

Words(17):
6 open
3 bring, count, turn
2 do, fetch
1 brings, jump, looks, makes, read, roll, scratch, sit, stand, talk, use

Letters(5):
18 t
9 w
1 d, n, y

3311.07 <had/has> chairs/choirs (grandpa,grandma whole,while)

I'm positive that grandpa ha* some of the best preserved antique oak chairs in the whole country.

Words(17):
7 is
5 will
2 meant, said, was
1 at, buried, collected, didn't, died, goes, had, heard, left, never, really, won't

Letters(2):
19 s
11 d

3311.08 <saw/say> refused/defused (old,odd things,thongs)

No matter how much pressure was put on the old carpenter, he absolutely refused to sa* things the way one normally would, and no one could make him do any different.

Words(17):
5 use
3 build, hurry, rush
2 compromise, cut, work
1 adapt, do, go, join, put, retire, share, shorten, start, take

Letters(4):
18 y
10 w
1 p, t

3311.09 <ice/icy> live/line (still,spill warm,wary)

Up in the northern areas of Alaska people live in ic* houses, but they still manage to stay warm.

Words(15):
13 igloos
2 houses, small, underground
1 both, government, ice, much, snow, snowy-white, temperatures, trailers, very, well-insulated, white

Letters(2):
28 e
2 y

3311.10 <rub/run> shiny/whiny (day,way shape,share)

He thought that if he could just ru* his Toyota every day, it would stay in perfect shape, looking shiny and bright and operating smoothly.

Words(20):
5 get
4 make
3 talk
2 finish
1 answer, convince, dance, fix, have, hold, last, listen, look, manage, reach, relax, rest, see, turn, win

Letters(1):
30 n

3311.11 <ace/act> best/beet (decided,decoded making,mating)

After careful consideration, Louie decided that he could most effectively ac* out his best friend's script by copying his work and making some improvements.

Words(22):
4 do
2 continue, finish, help, solve, study
1 accomplish, accomplished, arbitrate, cause, convince, cut, deal, describe, eat, implement, make, reach, resolve, serve, spend, write

Letters(3):
28 t
1 c, e

3311.12 <pen/pet> normal/formal (father,bather making,raking)

Sally begged her father to let her pe* the little fawn, but he said that making friends with wild animals only interfered with their normal survival instincts.

Words(9):
14 go
4 stay
3 have, ride
2 use
1 drive, keep, play, take

Letters(2):
28 t
2 g

FIVE LETTER WORDS

First letter changes

Noun: Same Shape

5100.01 <bombs/tombs> stopped/stepped (caverns,taverns lack,pack)

The underground caverns were meant to house hidden *ombs, but then the construction was stopped because of a lack of funds.

Words(24):

4	treasures
2	stores, tombs, treasure
1	bootleg, caches, cases, chests, loot, meeting, missiles, mysteries, passageways, people, prisoners, run, scenes, scrolls, slaves, store, streams, weapons, wolves, (no response)

Letters(3):

21	t
8	b
1	(no response)

5100.02 <cases/vases> letters/litters (wide,wise were,wore)

Eyes wide with delight, the anthropologist realized that the etchings on the *ases were actually runic letters.

Words(6):

16	cave
8	wall
2	stone, walls
1	rack, vase

Letters(5):

12	v
11	c
5	b
1	f, l

5100.03 <jokes/pokes> pushing/rushing (guy,gay pushing,rushing)

Jack's a very obnoxious guy. He thinks he owns the world and he's always pushing everybody else around. I especially do not like his *okes about my problems.

Words(19):

10	attitude
3	way
1	arrogant, attempts, attitudes, coarse, condescending, domineering, friends, habit, insisting, larger, manner, self, sense, super, thinking, viciously, whiny

Letters(3):

27	j
2	p
1	(no response)

5100.04 <seeds/weeds> piles/pines (burning,turning smoke,spoke)

Farmer Jones didn't have any way of dealing with his piles of useless *eeds except burning them up. That's why there's smoke coming from his farm.

Words(23):
3 manure, old
2 corn, fertilizer, junk
1 and, bailing, broken, chicken, corncobs, hay, hog, horse, leaves, machinery, materials, newspapers, rock, rotting, scrap, trash, wet, wood

Letters(4):
26 s
2 d
1 n, w

5100.05 <rites/sites> see/sea (some,come day,way)

When we visited England, we were lucky to see some fascinating ancient *ites maintained by modern day Druids.

Words(13):
9 castles
6 ruins
4 relics
2 sculptures
1 architecture, artifacts, baths, buildings, piece, stone, tombs, traditions, tribal

Letters(5):
23 s
4 c
1 k, l, r

5100.06 <beads/heads> luck/lurk (mounted,counted wore,bore)

The cannibals mounted their dried *eads on strings and wore them as good luck charms.

Words(14):
8 heads
4 human, meat
2 leaves, shrunken, skins
1 ancestors, and, apples, bones, carcass, carcasses, hair, skulls

Letters(3):
25 h
4 b
1 d

5100.07 <bikes/hikes> scout/stout (times,tides take,make)

For good times on the weekend, our boy scouts like to take their *ikes out in the woods.

Words(19):
5 tents
3 canoes, dads, father's
2 backpacks
1 best, camping, clothes, equipment, friends, gear, girlfriends, knives, leaders, parents, poker, scoutmaster, sleeping, troops

Letters(2):
19 h
11 b

5100.08 <reeds/weeds> bog/beg (growing,groping plots,slots)

The gardener pulled up the *eeds that were growing in one of his new plots. He knew he should never have located it next to a bog.

Words(13):
16 weeds
2 carrots, vegetables
1 bulbs, daisies, largest, last, old, prize, roses, truck, vine, wrong

Letters(2):
20 w
10 s

5100.51 <sound/wound> pooch/porch (tell,bell passing,pasting)

Timmy could tell from Rover's pathetic *ound that the poor pooch was really hurt from his encounter with a passing car.

Letters(2):
29 s
1 b

5100.52 <hedge/ledge> catch/latch (dog,hog stop,slop)

I thought I'd never catch up with the runaway dog until it had to stop at the beginning of the *edge which bordered the open field.

Letters(2):
17 l
13 h

FIVE LETTER WORDS

First letter changes

Noun: Different Shape

5101.01 <eater/hater> refer/defer (read,reap was,has)

If you will refer to ancient Greek mythology, you'll read that the Cyclops was a renowned *ater of human beings.

Words(17):
5 giant, one
3 one-eyed
2 and, creature, monster
1 Greek, baker, cave, eater, figure, god, leader, mathematician, race, sense, two-eyed

Letters(7):
11 h
7 e
5 I
3 w
2 (no response)
1 d, m

5101.02 <holes/soles> shoes/shows (for,far wedding,weeding)

Did you take a look at these *oles? I definitely need to buy new shoes for the wedding tomorrow.

Words(26):
2 antique, figures, papers, pictures
1 beautiful, before, chem, dresses, earring, funny, goofy, new, newly, notes, photographs, photos, picture, prices, prints, problems, reports, stock, vacation, various, weird, x-rays

Letters(5):
19 h
5 p
4 m
1 r, s

5101.03 <paces/races> leg/log (run,rub make,take)

"We'll run the horse through its *aces," the jockey said, "but I don't think she'll make it with that injured leg."

Words(13):
16 paces
2 course, regular
1 crazy, daily, leg, opening, route, routine, training, trots, warm, workout

Letters(3):
15 p
14 r
1 n

5101.04 <darts/parts> toy/top (clean,clear plastic,elastic)

I went into Jerry's room to clean up the mess he left behind. The floor was littered with clothes, marbles, a monopoly game, plastic *arts, a broken toy, and an old radio.

Words(18):
5 cars, soldiers
3 toys
2 cups, horses
1 bottles, chips, containers, cubes, drinking, fish, glasses, headphones, models, poker, sandwich, speac, trucks

Letters(4):
12 d, p
5 c
1 o

5101.05 <foods/goods> vital/viral (get,let stocked,stacked)

Just in case there's another depression or war, our family will still be able to get along comfortably, because we've stocked our basement with many canned *oods and vital supplies.

Words(8):
13 goods
6 foods, fruits
1 and, foodstuffs, provisions, soups, (no response)

Letters(3):
24 g
5 f
1 e

5101.06 <ranks/tanks> hills/hilts (saw,say hills,halls)

When the Germans saw the American *anks come rolling over the hills, they knew their evasive strategy had failed.

Words(16):
3 fighter, flag, soldier, soldiers, they, troops
2 army, tanks
1 GI, armada, envoy, jeep, planes, ship, ships, tank

Letters(3):
25 t
3 y
2 r

5101.07 <loads/roads> brick/brink (ones,ores towns,gowns)

Yellow bricks, which are made with different material than red ones, were once popular but are never used now. But one can still find *oads of yellow brick in some old towns.

Words(10):
17 them
3 yellow
2 old, the
1 a, ar, houses, ingredients, some, structures

Letters(2):
16 r
14 l

5101.08 <likes/mikes> stalked/stacked (vowed,voted radio,ratio)

The angry disc jockey stalked out of the director's office in a huff and vowed never to see the *ikes of that radio station again.

Words(20):
3 director, inside, man, radio
2 old, studio
1 WTTU, bum, crowds, director's, directors, jerk, manager, moon, office, place, point, program, records, station

Letters(3):
16 l
13 m
1 b

5101.09 <backs/packs> tribe/trite (goods,foods long,lone)

Since the tribe was in need of goods from the outside world, the Mongolians were loading up their *acks for the long trek to the nearest village.

Words(25):
3 horses
2 pack, packs, wares
1 baskets, belongings, belongs, camels, caravans, cargo, crafts, donkeys, family, furs, mules, own, produce, products, slips, treasure, trinkets, vessels, wagons, yaks, yurts

Letters(4):
17 s
7 p
3 b, r

5101.10 <rally/tally> roads/reads (kids,kiss cars,curs)

Those wild high school kids were out on the roads with their cars all night. You'd think they were trying to get a *ally of all the cars in the neighborhood.

Words(18):
9 ticket
2 cop, medal, person, speeding
1 bad, drag, life, price, prize, race, revolution, serious, speed, spot, thrill, traffic, warrant

Letters(1):
30 r

5101.51 <field/yield> badly/sadly (meant,means have,save)

Farmer Jones was very proud of this year's soybean *ield, because it meant he'd have enough profit to buy the badly needed new equipment for next year.

Letters(2):
17 f
13 y

5101.52 <chief/thief> local/focal (still,skill nearby,nearly)

The government official knew that old Indian, Fred Onefeather, was really a *hief, but he still had to convince the local sheriff to drop the charges in the interest of maintaining good relations with the nearby reservation.

Letters(2):
22 c
8 t

5101.53 <block/clock> floor/flood (tripped,trapped toy,top)

Joey tripped as he came through the front door. He had carelessly left his toy *lock on the floor earlier this morning.

Letters(2):
19 b
11 c

FIVE LETTER WORDS

First letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Same Shape

5110.01 <dried/fried> sad/mad (cook,look had,has)

The sad cook realized that he had destroyed his casserole. He had forgotten that the recipe called for *ried onions and parsley.

Words(18):
5 baking
4 salt, two
3 a
1 cream, eggs, four, fresh, garlic, noodles, orange, parsley, pure, several, slower, sugar, three, tuna

Letters(2):
21 f
9 d

5110.02 <cries/tries> darts/parts (time,tile loses,poses)

My brother is the biggest patsy there is. Every time he loses when we play darts he just *ries again and again.

Words(15):
7 sits
4 throws
3 cries, pouts
2 runs, stomps
1 challenges, lays, lines, pounces, says, smiles, stands, start, whines

Letters(2):
25 c
5 t

5110.03 <melds/welds> causing/pausing (stove,stone short,shorn)

Never leave your new stove running for an extremely long period of time. The intense heat *elds nearby heating elements together, thus causing a short circuit.

Words(7):
15 will
7 may
3 could
2 can
1 is, melt, might

Letters(4):
25 w
2 h, (no response)
1 y

5110.04 <cater/water> lawn/yawn (loves,lives and,end)

Our neighbor really loves to *ater his lawn and garden.

Words(18):
5 work
3 mow
2 dance, garden, go, jog, play, water
1 borrow, come, cut, eat, grow, make, plant, talk, use, wash

Letters(4):
19 c
8 w
2 l
1 a

5110.05 <growl/prowl> lions/loons (quiet,quilt bats,cats)

The zoo is never quiet. All night the hyenas will laugh, the bats will screech, the lions will *rowl in their cages, and the birds will be flapping and crying.

Words(5):
26 roar
1 pace, snore, were, yawl

Letters(2):
29 g
1 p

5110.06 <fires/hires> staff/stuff (month,mouth why,who)

Every month General Motors *ires hundreds of people. That's why they have such a big staff in their personnel department.

Words(18):
4 sends
3 makes, produces, puts, sells
2 publishes
1 announces, awards, details, fires, gives, has, interviews, is, lays, manufactures, reports, runs

Letters(3):
15 h
12 f
3 t

5110.07 <claps/slaps> hands/handy (cheers,cheeps knows,known)

As the composer finishes the premiere of his new avant garde piece, one preselected person in the audience *laps his hands together and cheers. Then everyone else knows the piece is ended.

Words(15):
5 stood, will
3 begins, stands
2 began, gave, was
1 applauds, cheers, clapped, comes, go, shouts, starts, (no response)

Letters(1):
30 c

5110.08 <sends/vends> model/modes (lever,level putting,butting)

If you pull the lever while putting in a coin, the company's latest model machine *ends cigarettes through the little slot in its side.

Words(4):
27 will
1 guesses, take, takes

Letters(5):
17 s
6 b
3 l
2 t, v

5110.09 <blown/flown> coast/toast (tree,true seeds,weeds)

The rare oriental Ginko tree has today established itself from coast to coast in this country, because when the seeds were first introduced they were *lown across the continent.

Words(23):
3 distributed, spread
2 carefully, planted, very
1 adaptable, brought, carried, easy, found, new, prized, promoted, quick, scattered, seen, selected, sent, specially, transported, used, useful, well

Letters(3):
22 b
7 f
1 c

5110.51 <dense/tense> smoke/spoke (power,lower sides,sites)

The air was very *ense in this smoke filled room. All the power brokers from both sides were meeting here before the convention -- and Brenda was the only reporter present!

Letters(2):
19 d
11 t

5110.52 <rogue/vogue> cause/pause (whose,those lot,pot)

Vincent Reniere is that *ogue fashion designer whose clothes always cause a lot of talk in Paris each year.

Letters(3):
19 r
10 v
1 I

FIVE LETTER WORDS

First letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Different Shape

5111.01 <looms/zooms> globe/glove (going,doing comet,covet)

People all over the globe are going into a state of panic as Halley's comet *ooms over Earth's horizon.

Words(17):
6 comes
5 approaches
3 is
2 has, streaks
1 again, approach, came, coming, continues, enters, hurtles, moves, passed, passes, threatening, will

Letters(3):
15 z
10 l
5 b

5111.02 <loves/moves> fixed/mixed (know,snow why,who)

The girl that Ronna fixed me up with is just wonderful. I don't know why it is, but that girl really *oves me. And I like it.

Words(13):
8 turns
5 is
3 knows
2 has, make, makes, reminds
1 attracts, knocks, perts, seems, understand, understands

Letters(2):
28 l
2 m

5111.03 <fudge/nudge> director/disector (board,beard along,among)

"I hope the review board never finds out," whispered the research director, "but I know we can get this experiment done if we *udge it along a bit."

Words(19):
4 just
3 fudge, skip
2 have, keep, only, use
1 cheat, cut, divert, don't, fake, had, hurry, lied, pool, really, turn, work

Letters(4):
11 j
10 f
7 n
2 b

5111.04 <tears/wears> coats/costs (made,make report,retort)

Don't buy any coats made of this new synthetic material, because a recent report says it *ears much too easily.

Words(13):
11 is
5 will
3 can
2 causes
1 contains, disintergrates, dissolves, does, fall, may, sticks, tears, tends

Letters(2):
19 t
11 w

5111.05 <nasty/tasty> both/bath (and,end staple,stable)

The catfish is both an ugly and very *asty creature. It is a staple in the diet of many southerners.

Words(19):
5 tasty
3 mean, useful
2 hard, important, tasteless
1 bony, delicious, dirty, disreputable, fierce, good, interesting, nasty, obnoxious, prolific, slow, smelly, unsportey

Letters(3):
21 n
8 t
1 h

5111.06 <cooks/looks> grand/gland (gal,pal way,hay)

Carol's a great gal. Not only do I like the way she *ooks but she also has a grand personality.

Words(17):
6 looks
4 cooks
2 dresses, is, smiles, talks, walks
1 acts, agrees, conducts, dances, does, look, sings, thinks, treats, works

Letters(2):
23 l
7 c

5111.07 <boggy/soggy> hog/dog (woody,wooly creek,cheek)

Once the farmers had finished looking through the woody area for the lost hog, they had to go into the *oggy area down by the creek.

Words(18):
4 swamp, swampy
3 fields
2 barn, house, marshy, town
1 caves, deep, meadow, nearby, neighboring, old, ravine, river, swamps, tall, village

Letters(3):
11 f, s
8 b

5111.08 <budge/judge> case/cane (getting,letting refused,refuted)

The old Justice of the Peace is definitely getting senile. At the end of one case, he, for no reason, refused to *udge for the rest of the day.

Words(18):
5 let
3 dismiss, hear
2 allow, give, issue, pass
1 accept, adjourn, answer, declare, finish, get, leave, pound, pronounce, sentence, tell

Letters(2):
25 j
5 b

5111.09 <fatal/natal> death/depth (leading,lending are,age)

Some of the leading causes of early infant death are malnutrition, heart trouble, and *atal breathing problems.

Words(18):
4 infant, sudden
3 respiratory
2 child, lack, parental, various
1 abuse, allergic, an, cancer, catching, deformities, drug, even, improper, neglect, suffocation

Letters(3):
20 f
9 n
1 v

5111.10 <rowed/towed> sinking/singing (out,but dock,rock)

The buoy was damaged by the storm and was in danger of sinking, so I went out in a small boat and *owed it to safety at the dock.

Words(16):
6 tried
4 replaced
3 brought
2 attempted, fixed, pulled, repaired
1 carefully, checked, drained, made, replace, rescued, tied, towed, try

Letters(2):
26 t
4 r

5111.51 <local/vocal> ire/ore (enraged,engaged calling,falling)

The company president was so enraged by the arrogant demands of the *ocal teamsters union that he decided to vent his ire by calling a televised news conference.

Letters(1):
30 l

5111.52 <swirl/twirl> power/poker (bring,brink lines,lanes)

Matt's kite began to *wirl violently as the wind picked up. He had to bring it down so it wouldn't get snarled in the nearby power lines.

Letters(2):
24 t
6 s

5111.53 <pried/tried> good/goop (just,must open,oven)

To their dismay, the workmen discovered that the manhole just would not open up. They *ried it with a crowbar but it did no good at all.

Letters(3):
25 t
3 p
2 c

5111.54 <livid/vivid> wanted/panted (believe,relieve face,race)

You couldn't believe the *ivid color of the boss's face when he learned that his entire secretarial staff wanted to quit.

Letters(3):
20 v
8 l
2 d

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Second letter changes

Noun: Same Shape

5200.01 <finds/funds> project/protect (head,lead never,lever)

Professor Latham, head of the Yale paleontological team, was very worried. Unless he could increase his f*nds, the University would never let him continue the current project he was working on.

Words(22):
4 funding
3 budget, research
2 student
1 daily, department's, employees, following, grant, income, number, output, productivity, publication, publications, publishing, salary, staff, staffing, success, value, yearly

Letters(2):
21 u
9 i

5200.02 <cakes/cokes> diets/duets (sneaks,speaks candies,candles)

Polly claims that she's trying different kinds of diets. But her roommate says that she sneaks some fattening things out of the refrigerator, like candies, c*kes, crackers, chips, and so forth.

Words(11):
10 ice
6 cakes
5 cookies
2 pastries
1 and, bread, cake, cheesecake, dates, or, sodas

Letters(2):
29 a
1 o

5200.03 <farms/firms> alive/alike (whose,those chance,change)

With the advent of multinational corporations, whose interests range from technology to agriculture, the small independent f*rms of America don't have the slightest chance of staying alive.

Words(13):
8 businessman
4 business, businesses, companies
2 corporation
1 company, corporations, firms, hasn't, investor, landowner, local, man

Letters(2):
16 i
14 a

5200.04 <sacks/socks> floor/flood (forgot,forget closet,closed)

When I moved out of my parent's house, I completely forgot to take all the s*cks that were laying on the closet floor.

Words(21):

5	clothes
4	records
2	books, things
1	boxes, clothing, dirty, food, gadgets, junk, kitchen, laundry, linens, little, memorabilia, papers, plants, record, sheets, stuff, their

Letters(2):

15	a, o

5200.05 <males/mules> natal/fatal (genetic,generic more,move)

Because of their particular genetic origin, m*les are much more susceptible to natal and prenatal problems.

Words(15):

7	the
5	they
4	this
3	some
1	American, certain, chickens, ducks, flatworms, inherited, it, men, monkeys, plants, (no response)

Letters(3):

16	u
10	a
4	o

5200.06 <roles/rules> culture/vulture (child,chill learn,yearn)

Early in life, each child must learn the social r*les of his culture if he is ever to become a functioning member of society.

Words(18):

5	graces
4	skills, values
2	codes, manners
1	aspects, consequences, do's, implications, norms, pressures, requirements, role, rules, skill, standards, strata, strategies

Letters(2):

29	u
1	o

5200.07 <panes/pines> east/easy (stared,shared gave,give)

He stared intently through the east window at the strange appearance which the old p*nes gave to the courtyard beyond.

Words(17):
12 man
2 building, woman
1 barn, birch, buildings, cat, chair, church, cracked, elm, glass, hag, maid, mansion, room, witch

Letters(3):
24 i
5 a
1 I

5200.08 <cards/cords> pile/pole (fired,tired when,then)

The janitor was cleaning up the desks of some fired clerks when he found a pile of c*rds in one drawer. The manager said they belonged to the computer, and must have been stolen.

Words(27):
3 old
2 cancelled
1 blackmail, candy, cash, empty, filing, garbage, illegal, important, invoices, journal, letters, misplaced, money, orders, overdue, papers, personal, shit, shredded, stolen, threatening, uncashed, unfinished, unopened, unprocessed

Letters(2):
29 a
1 (no response)

5200.09 <lanes/lines> told/toad (ever,even car,cab)

"As you drive, don't ever let your car cross over beyond the appropriate l*nes," the driving instructor told his pupil.

Words(15):
9 lane
3 line
2 median
1 boundary, center, colored, concrete, dotted, markings, revolutions, roads, safe, separation, speed

Letters(2):
18 i
12 a

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Second letter changes

Noun: Different Shape

5201.01 <blood/brood> prevented/presented (rat,cat own,owl)

Survival of the fittest is the only rule of the game in nature. For example, a mother rat will cannibalize rat pups of her own b*ood, unless prevented otherwise.

Words(8):
12 if
9 litter
2 to, when, womb
1 in, offspring, who

Letters(2):
23 l
7 r

5201.02 <opals/ovals> rings/rungs (medal,pedal tiny,tidy)

The ornate medal was decorated with several concentric rings of tiny blue o*als around its perimeter.

Words(20):
8 stones
2 and, sapphires, stars
1 beads, colored, diamonds, dots, enamel, flowers, jewels, lapis, leaves, metal, pieces, plastic, ribbon, ribbons, semi-precious, triangles

Letters(2):
22 v
8 p

5201.03 <smoke/spoke> looking/locking (that,what been,seen)

It was obvious from looking at the s*oke of this motorcycle that it had been in a bad accident.

Words(25):
4 picture
2 mirror, test
1 animal, board, book, boy, car, condition, couple, damage, data, dog, grades, guide, kitchen, look, man, map, old, price, proofs, skid, sky, woman

Letters(2):
17 m
13 p

5201.04 <altos/autos> tour/sour (choir,chair cross,crows)

Our choir is all ready to start its cross country concert tour. Before we leave, though, we have to make sure the a*tos are in top condition. After all, we don't want to be embarrassed by any accidents.

Words(18):
7 bus
4 reservations
2 costumes, hotel, music
1 busses, cheese, everyone, gowns, group, have, houses, instruments, itinerary, lights, robes, singers, travel

Letters(3):
24 l
5 u
1 c

5201.05 <scout/shout> leader/lender (noisy,noise heard,heart)

On their first trip to Yellowstone, the noisy young campers were in for a nasty surprise. A marauding black bear apparently heard a s*out and began heading toward the noise. Luckily, the troop leader had a gun.

Words(24):
6 noise
2 trash
1 an, bit, camper, can, child, commotion, crash, cry, dinner, few, girl, horn, lot, new, party, shot, sound, strange, tasty, threatening, twig, woman

Letters(3):
24 h
5 c
1 t

5201.06 <spool/stool> floor/flood (when,then saw,sat)

I think grandma had a fit again. When I went into her sewing room this evening she wasn't there, and I saw a s*ool and some scissors thrown carelessly on the floor.

Words(22):
3 broken, note
2 bottle, letter, pile, trail
1 basket, big, box, bunch, chair, huge, lamp, large, mass, mess, messy, old, pair, pincushion, project, unfinished

Letters(2):
24 p
6 t

5201.07 <blobs/boobs> laziest/haziest (are,ace whole,whale)

Tim and Ed know that the porch needs painting, but they just sit around the house like a pair of b*obs. Those two boys are the laziest bums in the whole family.

Words(18):

7	lazy
5	bumps
2	bums, old
1	alligators, bookends, dogs, dumb, goofballs, kids, lumps, nerds, procrastinating, socks, stupid, tired, wooden, worn

Letters(2):

16	o
14	l

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Second letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Same Shape

5210.01 <patch/pitch> playing/slaying (car,cat tried,cried)

Some local boys were playing softball in the empty lot when a car ran over their ball. The pitcher tried to p*tch the ruined ball but it was no use. The ball could just not be used, and they had to get a new one.

Words(17):
5 get
3 stop, throw
2 grab, recover, reshape, retrieve, save
1 catch, convince, find, fix, keep, repair, rescue, use, warn

Letters(2):
25 i
5 a

5210.02 <backs/bucks> job/jab (now,not much,such)

In the 60's, Mike was totally anti-establishment and anti-authoritarian. Now that he has an executive job at Sears he b*cks authority as much as he possibly can.

Words(8):
15 has
8 is
2 seems
1 had, loves, realizes, seeks, supports

Letters(2):
29 a
1 u

5210.03 <snore/swore> night/fight (last,past tired,hired)

Yes, I know that I s*ore and I apologize. But last night I was so tired and so drunk that I couldn't control myself.

Words(10):
14 am
5 have
2 need, promised, should
1 I, can, feel, long, will

Letters(4):
14 c
8 t
4 n, w

5210.04 <heist/hoist> planned/planted (boxes,foxes right,light)

The longshoremen planned to h*ist some boxes of gold from the ship they were unloading, but they did not have the right equipment.

Words(18):
6 strike
4 go
2 buy, retire, sail, take
1 blackmail, complete, depart, have, leave, reevaluate, restock, revamp, settle, spend, unload, work

Letters(2):
22 o
8 e

5210.05 <mates/mutes> fosters/posters (think,thing ideas,ideal)

"Do you think that an academic community that fosters a free exchange of ideas also creates an atmosphere that m*tes conflicting theories and opinions?" the speaker asked.

Words(18):
10 is
3 promotes
2 encourages
1 allows, causes, encourage, excludes, fosters, give, intimidate, invites, may, our, restrains, secludes, spur, stimulates, supports

Letters(4):
20 a
7 u
2 e
1 i

5210.06 <smash/stash> melon/felon (barn,bars did,hid)

I never saw my brother s*ash the watermelon behind the barn, but I know he did it. Still, I couldn't prove it when my parents asked me where the missing melon was.

Words(16):
5 so
3 after, before, get
2 act, again, do, eat
1 cry, graduate, hit, kiss, lose, talk, two, work

Letters(5):
11 t
10 m
7 l
1 n, s

5210.07 <binds/bonds> tight/light (formula,formuli cause,pause)

The FTC plans to ban all public sale of the new glue formula because it b*nds together any kinds of materials so tightly that it could very well cause some very bad accidents.

Words(15):
5 contains
4 is
3 can, causes, has
2 might, sticks
1 adheres, cause, does, ecologically, produces, smells, stuck, very

Letters(3):
17 o
9 i
4 e

5210.08 <pecks/picks> cleaner/gleaner (stays,stabs grubs,grabs)

The so-called cleaner bird of Africa stays around a large animal such as a rhino or zebra and p*cks off grubs and parasites from its skin.

Words(14):
8 picks
5 cleans, eats
2 eat
1 acts, catches, chews, devours, feeds, feels, helps, pick, preys, wait

Letters(4):
25 i
3 e
1 a, l

5210.09 <enact/exact> property/properly (taxes,tapes brunt,blunt)

The town is in dire need of money for its school system. The council's solution is to e*act more taxes. So, it looks like the local businesses and property owners are going to bear the brunt of the burden again.

Words(17):
6 have
4 raise
3 close, tax
2 sell
1 auction, cancel, conduct, create, decrease, fire, hold, increase, make, offer, propose, vote

Letters(3):
26 n
3 x
1 j

5210.10 <mends/minds> mother/bother (here,herd far,fad)

"The fact that you brought your dirty hippie friend to live here with us is bad enough," yelled Sally's father to his daughter. "But now he even asked your mother if she m*nds old clothing. That is going too far."

Words(11):

11	would
8	will
3	wants
1	can, could, go, minded, smokes, want, wanted, wouldn't

Letters(2):

26	i
4	e

5210.11 <warms/worms> will/wall (good,food even,ever)

I think charity and good will eventually w*rms its way into even the hardest of hearts.

Words(17):

6	will
4	be
3	prevail
2	become, come, win
1	can, cease, die, end, help, make, overcome, rule, soften, triumph, yield

Letters(3):

25	a
3	(no response)
2	o

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Second letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Different Shape

5211.01 <flesh/fresh> nurse/purse (wash,lash dress,press)

Yesterday at school we were taught how to give someone first aid. One of the things the nurse taught us was how to wash and dress a f*esh wound, and treat the person for shock.

Words(13):
16 wound
3 cut
1 badly, deep, first, fractured, green, monkey, puncture, scraped, severe, severly, third

Letters(2):
21 l
9 r

5211.02 <abuse/amuse> find/fine (those,these seem,deem)

Those Joneses always seem to find something with which they can a*use their children.

Words(24):
2 argue, complain, get, make, show, try
1 amaze, bargain, better, brag, create, derive, enjoy, fight, find, flaunt, gripe, impress, keeps, mend, sell, twist, use, win

Letters(3):
25 b
4 m
1 c

5211.03 <smell/spell> eat/ear (surely,purely taste,paste)

Although it is true that I can't s*ell avocados, I surely do love to eat them! Their taste is unique.

Words(17):
6 sing
4 swim, type
2 see, spell
1 come, demand, do, know, make, pick, play, quite, run, sit, sleep, win

Letters(3):
23 p
6 m
1 h

5211.04 <shuns/stuns> waving/waxing (crowds,crowns room,roam)

Of all the rock stars today, Ted is the most unusual. He can't stand noisy crowds of screaming teens. He often s*uns his fans by simply walking out of a room without talking or even waving to anyone.

Words(22):
6 wears
2 hides, leaves, stops
1 avoids, calms, cancels, chooses, completely, goes, like, prefers, puts, screams, seeks, sits, sneaks, stages, tells, tries, turns, used

Letters(3):
19 h
10 t
1 a

5211.05 <shiny/spiny> deadly/dearly (net,nut reach,react)

As it was pulled out of the net, Jacques felt an urge to reach out and touch the s*iny skin of this fascinating fish, a living fossil, to see if it was real. He knew, however, it could be deadly poisonous.

Words(25):
3 fish
2 dolphin, great, strange
1 ailing, beautiful, bright, drugged, face, fish's, fuzzy, giant, lobsters, magnificent, mysterious, newly, octopus, scaly, sea, shimmering, slimy, trout, vibrantly, wet, wriggling

Letters(2):
25 h
5 D

5211.06 <slept/swept> works/worms (hours,tours day,pay)

After working in the vegetable garden all morning, dad went inside the house and s*ept for a couple of hours. For a day off, he sure works pretty hard.

Words(15):
9 took
3 drank, fell, washed
2 rested
1 after, ate, bragging, fixed, got, had, made, sat, some, turned

Letters(2):
26 l
4 W

5211.07 <spray/stray> lawn/laws (stuck,stunk catch,watch)

The dog stuck out his tongue in a vain attempt to catch the s*ray droplets from the lawn sprinkler.

Words(19):
6 fly
3 last, rain
2 small, snow
1 be, bone, butterfly, duck, elusive, falling, goodie, morsel, mosquito, red, rolling, snowflakes, the, water

Letters(2):
23 p
7 t

5211.08 <showy/snowy> ski/sky (hotel,motel resort,report)

The manager was very proud of the beautiful appearance of the s*owy grounds of the mountaintop hotel and ski resort.

Words(17):
7 store
5 new
3 newly
2 restaurant
1 Christmas, cash, display, flowers, landscaping, lawn, model's, office, plants, pretty, prize, singer, window

Letters(4):
18 n
9 h
2 l
1 t

5211.09 <clash/crash> giant/grant (awake,aware ships,shops)

During some battles of the war, people in the coastal towns were kept awake by the navy. When two giant destroyer ships c*ash, you can hear it all over the coast.

Words(24):
3 collided, fought
2 exchanged, meet
1 arrived, began, begin, blew, bombarded, came, collide, come, crashed, crossed, docked, engaged, fired, held, hit, met, shelled, start, started, were

Letters(2):
21 r
9 l

5211.10 <shaky/snaky> tow/row (eight,night river,rover)

The tugboat captain was nervous. He didn't like the company's bright idea of having him tow a s*aky caravan of eight barges down this narrow river.

Words(25):

4 barge
2 ship, whale
1 Russian, barged, boat, brand, burning, damaged, dead, dozen, garbage, load, loaded, mile, naval, nuclear, paper, party, rowboat, sailboat, steamship, string, weight, yacht

Letters(6):

25 h
1 l, n, o, p, (no response)

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Third letter changes

Noun: Same Shape

5300.01 <miner/miser> count/mount (day,way dark,dank)

They say that every day that old mi*er would sit in his dark little room and count every last precious piece of his gold.

Words(17):
10 man
4 woman
2 geezer
1 Indian, Joe, bridge, cat, codger, coins, cow, fart, folks, horse, lady, men, stove, world

Letters(2):
24 n
6 s

5300.02 <major/mayor> torn/town (would,could wearing,bearing)

You would never know he was a very important man, said the secretary, pointing to the ma*or. There, in the corner, was a scruffy, unshaven man wearing an old torn raincoat.

Words(24):
2 empty, man, picture, portrait, scruffy, shabby
1 beat, boss, casually, clock, desk, disheveled, little, messy, mousy, rather, shaggy-haired, shoddiness, slop, sloppy, small, spartan, sport, unpretentious

Letters(3):
17 y
10 l
3 n

5300.03 <beach/bench> walks/walls (spent,spend when,then)

I'll never forget the summer my wife and I spent on Long Island. After dinner we'd take a long enjoyable walk, and when it got dark we'd sit on a be*ch and look out at the beautiful ocean.

Words(12):
8 bench
6 porch
4 park
2 blanket, rock, swing
1 bluff, friends, hill, log, picnic, pier

Letters(2):
20 n
10 a

5300.04 <sodas/sofas> cheap/cheat (pay,say found,pound)

It doesn't pay to shop downtown. While we were shopping for furniture the other day, we found that even the so*as were very expensive. We knew right then that nothing was going to be cheap.

Words(20):
7 parking
3 sale
2 discount, furniture
1 best, biggest, chairs, cheapest, cheaply, cost, expensive, foot, old, prices, sales, second, simplest, smallest, sofa, store

Letters(3):
28 f
1 d, (no response)

5300.05 <sides/sites> base/vase (new,few are,art)

The engineer reported that all si*es of the new nuclear reactors on the base are profusely labeled with signs proclaiming "DANGER: RADIATION!"

Words(8):
13 the
6 was
5 systems
2 of
1 facts, had, information, signs

Letters(4):
20 t
6 d
3 z
1 v

5300.06 <shack/shock> phone/prone (looks,looms like,live)

"If you could see what our old house in the city looks like today," my sister told me over the phone. "It's really a sh*ck, you'd be appalled."

Words(21):
3 beautiful, run, wreck
2 dump, shame, very
1 amazing, an, change, charming, cute, delapidated, delight, different, horrible, large, neat, pit, sad, show, whole

Letters(2):
17 a
13 o

5300.07 <glass/gloss> pesky/perky (would,could tools,pools)

If the Brouwers would have only kept their pesky little kid from playing with tools and chemicals from the toolshed, then the gl*ss on my new car might never have been ruined.

Words(13):
6 fire
4 accident, child
3 house, kid, whole
1 horrible, kids, little, place, plants, toolshed, unfortunate

Letters(2):
29 a
1 (no response)

5300.08 <medal/metal> trade/trace (make,made melted,belted)

"Copper and silver are very expensive nowadays, you know, and you make good money by trading it in," Fred explained to his wife. "That's why I sent the old me*al stored in the cabinet to be melted down."

Words(21):
4 coins, silverware
2 copper, ring, silver
1 English, candle, codger, coin, frame, lamp, necklace, pans, pennies, platters, quarters, rings, sterling, stuff, tray, watch

Letters(3):
21 t
8 d
1 a

5300.09 <flash/flush> red/rod (face,pace night,sight)

Her face turned red in a fl*sh when I mentioned where her old boyfriend was last night.

Words(16):
7 second
5 fit
3 moment
2 flash, matter
1 blush, crowd, few, hurry, most, planned, short, truely, vain, very, wave

Letters(3):
20 a
9 u
1 t

5300.10 <males/mates> zoo,woo (breed,bleed few,new)

I don't think the panda bears will breed in captivity, because the zoo has tried quite a few ma*es on their female bear, but she has rejected them all.

Words(16):
11 times
5 different
1 approaches, attempts, bears, couples, experiments, matchmaking, new, pairs, panda, places, stimulus, variations, ways, years

Letters(2):
23 t
7 i

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Third letter changes

Noun: Different Shape

5301.01 <label/lapel> found/round (most,host torn,worn)

I almost bought one of the most attractive and inexpensive suits I've ever found, but I was afraid something was wrong when I saw that the la*el had been torn and restitched.

Words(14):
15 price
3 suit
1 button, coat, hem, label, left, lining, pricetag, seam, store, tags, yarn, (no response)

Letters(2):
24 b
6 p

5301.02 <holes/homes> rats/rags (slums,slurs fit,lit)

I don't see how people can live in those ho*es down in the slums. I don't even think they're fit for rats to live in.

Words(22):
5 small
2 houses, kinds, little, squalid
1 awful, bamboo, broken-down, cheap, cities, cow-dung, disgusting, igloos, noisy, old, poverty, ramshackle, rancid, rat-ridden, run, slums, type

Letters(2):
21 l
9 m

5301.03 <tapes/taxes> trial/triad (been,seen place,peace)

If the special prosecutor had been allowed to examine the president's ta*es, then I'm sure the judge would have let a trial take place.

Words(20):
10 tapes
2 files
1 behavior, body, correspondence, documents, evidence, file, financial, handwriting, home, journals, letters, mind, paper's, papers, personal, records, savings, taps

Letters(4):
24 p
4 x
1 k, l

5301.04 <hulks/hunks> bay/way (divers,dicers lying,tying)

The skin divers reported they saw some giant hu*ks of old shipwrecked vessels lying on the bottom of the bay.

Words(18):
4 octopus, sharks, squid
2 eels, squids, starfish
1 catfish, coral, fish, flora, green, metal, monster, porpoises, seashells, sponges, worms, wreckage

Letters(4):
11 l
10 n
7 s
2 c

5301.05 <cages/caves> bears/beers (bears,boars eat,mat)

Fewer and fewer people today know anything about what nature is really like. No doubt that some ignorant city people probably believe, say, that bears live in ca*es or eat nuts and berries.

Words(17):
7 caves
4 zoos
3 the, trees
1 a, cages, condos, fully, giant, hollow, hollows, houses, just, sheds, tents, three, tunnels

Letters(2):
17 g
13 v

5301.06 <males/mares> breed/bleed (rest,best gene,gone)

During the breeding season the younger ma*es are separated from the rest of the herd so that we can control the gene pool. This is the only way to breed a superior horse.

Words(22):
6 animals
2 birds, mares, ones
1 bears, bucks, buffalo, bulls, cats, dogs, fish, girls, locust, male, males, monkeys, mosquitoes, of, prairie, siblings, sparrow, squirrels

Letters(3):
18 l
7 t
5 r

5301.07 <mikes/mimes> rooms/roots (back,rack offices,officer)

The television crew looked for the missing mi*es in the back of all the studios and in almost all the rooms in the TV station's offices. But they were nowhere to be found.

Words(19):

8	camera
3	cameraman
2	cable, part
1	actor, battery, bit, body, boy, color, company, lens, long, man, parts, table, talk, television, (no response)

Letters(4):

17	k
6	l, n
1	r

5301.08 <pumas/pupas> spend/speed (decided,decoded rest,best)

One biologist decided to spend the rest of his career studying pu*as because he thought they were so fascinating.

Words(19):

11	the
2	how
1	altered, bacteria, biological, carcinogens, certain, diseased, genetic, genetics, germs, houbies, marine, microorganisms, nature, plant, reproductive, squirrels, viruses

Letters(5):

19	m
8	p
1	b, k, y

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Third letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Same Shape

5310.01 <feeds/fends> bears/boars (off,oaf where,there)

As a precaution against any possible, but unlikely, accidents, the zookeeper always fe*ds the bears off away from the fence where people are watching them.

Words(18):
5 keeps
3 carries, locked, locks
2 checks, feeds
1 carried, follows, had, has, keep, kept, maintained, sedates, the, used, wears, wore

Letters(3):
28 e
1 a, u

5310.02 <perky/pesky> basic/basin (that,what yapping,yipping)

Life is miserable with my new roommate, Tim. The basic problem is that his pe*ky little dog is yapping constantly.

Words(18):
5 stereo
4 clothes
2 feet, habits, idea, personality, room
1 cigarette, ego, girlfriend, mother, mouth, nose, personal, pet, side, sleeping, sloppiness

Letters(4):
18 r
10 s
1 c, (no response)

5310.03 <hides/hikes> ranger/danger (house,souse have,hate)

My son Don would rather be outside with nature instead of hanging around the house. But every time that boy goes and hi*es out in the woods, we have to call the ranger because he always gets lost.

Words(17):
6 plays
4 tries
2 communes, explores, gets, hikes, leaves
1 camps, catches, climbs, comes, does, he, loses, outside, trys, wanders

Letters(2):
22 d
8 k

5310.04 <barks/basks> irritate/irrigate (pup,pop porch,pouch)

In the summer our pup goes out on the porch and ba*ks in the hot sun while people walk by on the street. We're afraid he'll get sunstroke as well as ir*itate passers-by.

Words(16):
5 sleeps, watches
4 barks
2 howls, sleep, stays
1 chases, lays, romps, scratches, screams, slepts, takes, whines, yelps, yips

Letters(2):
18 r
12 s

5310.05 <dines/dives> works/worms (great,treat shore,store)

Paul, a great athlete and an Olympic hopeful, is having a wonderful summer at his seaside training camp. All day he works out at the gym and then, in the evening, he di*es near the shore.

Words(15):
5 go, relaxes
4 runs, swims
2 jogs
1 charms, dances, dates, eats, gets, lays, parties, trains, walks, works

Letters(4):
16 v
12 n
1 e, h

5310.06 <loses/loves> guy/gun (man,fan have,save)

My sister just broke the news to my dad: she's living with a man. Personally, I really hope she lo*es that guy. You should have a good reason to get yourself in that kind of trouble.

Words(18):
7 is
4 doesn't
3 knows
2 breaks
1 can, changes, decides, get, gets, happy, isn't, leaves, made, makes, marries, never, will, works

Letters(2):
22 v
8 s

5310.07 <nasal/naval> silly/silty (get,got hear,bear)

Grandpa's in the hospital again. I get upset every time he's in there, because I know he's just a bad hypochondriac. This time he's in for a na*al infection. Did you ever hear anything so silly?

Words(39):
10 pain
3 supposed
1 an, back, bad, big, case, common, contorted, lower, new, persistent, phony, real, sprained, stomach, surprise, test, ulcer

Letters(3):
22 s
7 y
1 t

5310.08 <ducks/dunks> food/fold (son,sow kept,wept)

We were watching a mallard swimming in the pond when my curious son Don asked me why it kept going underwater. "The little bird du*ks his head underwater in order to get food," I explained.

Words(10):
19 is
2 eats, finds
1 dives, dunks, feeds, goes, keeps, look, looks

Letters(3):
26 c
3 n
1 u

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Third letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Different Shape

5311.01 <files/fines> parking/barking (get,set records,rewords)

When people get parking tickets or other minor traffic violations, the town hall establishes fi*es for them. The records of the violations might even be kept permanently.

Words(9):
22 a
1 criteria, fines, it, lines, set, them, vigilantes, warning

Letters(2):
18 n
12 t

5311.02 <tacky/talky> dollish/doltish (how,now start,stare)

I don't know how in the world I'm going to introduce my fiancee to a wild collection of relatives like mine. Should I start with my dollish little niece or my ta*ky old Aunt Hattie Mae?

Words(28):
2 crazy, fiendish
1 alcoholic, apish, bald, boorish, brother, crotchety, doltish, drunken, football, glaring, grumpy, hippie, hulk, insipid, lecherous, little, loud, nice, prudent, radical, shrewish, soldiering, sour, stuffy, stylish, young

Letters(2):
20 c
10 l

5311.03 <relay/repay> person/parson (the,toe never,sever)

Don is the kind of person who'll never re*ay a compliment.

Words(22):
3 give
2 amount, be, let, make, say, tell
1 accept, admit, ask, complain, cram, earn, get, go, impose, lie, saw, see, succeed, turn, wear

Letters(3):
24 p
5 s
1 t

5311.04 <takes/tapes> bring/brink (buy,boy not,now)

My sneaky little brother ta*es all the new records I buy. I'm not going to bring any more home.

Words(20):
8 stole
2 always, found, took
1 ate, deserves, goes, got, hid, left, listens, played, ran, read, shot, spied, teases, thought, tried, tries

Letters(3):
24 k
4 p
2 l

5311.05 <takes/tames> jungle/jingle (hires,hares later,lamer)

The circus hires an independent and highly trained professional, who ta*es the large animals right from the jungle and passes them on to the circus people later.

Words(16):
5 can
4 does
3 is, takes, trains
2 manages
1 acts, arranges, critiques, entertains, feeds, knows, promotes, runs, scouts, will

Letters(5):
13 k
11 m
4 p
1 t, x

5311.06 <wipes/wires> install/instill (bad,sad lab,tab)

Dr. Poul apologized to the visitors for the bad condition the electrical lab was in. "Once the technician wi*es up that mess on the workbench, we can install the monitor assembly into the transmitter set," he explained.

Words(20):
4 is
3 finishes, quit
2 arrives, gets, returns
1 began, blew, finished, forgot, get, had, has, left, moved, pulled, realized, repairs, see, works

Letters(5):
22 r
3 p
2 s, v
1 n

5311.07 <riles/rises> state/skate (beers,beets anger,angel)

My partner took me into the saloon to have a few beers and to give me some advice about the town's strongman, Jake Reeves. "If you insult his family to his face, it ri*es him into a state of hysterical anger. I know. I tried it once."

Words(12):
15 will
3 means
2 could, may
1 can, cost, is, isn't, makes, maybe, won't, would

Letters(5):
12 l
8 d
6 s
2 f, t

5311.08 <decay/delay> rapid/rabid (hostage,postage any,and)

When I saw Carter talk on TV last night, I thought if he lets the hostage situation de*ay any more, then later retaliatory action will become less rapid.

Words(11):
9 continue
8 go
4 get
2 worsen
1 carry, deteriorate, dominate, keep, remain, sit, stay

Letters(2):
29 l
1 c

5311.09 <paved/payed> state/slate (new,few delay,decay)

I don't know when the state is finally going to have the new access roads pa*ed, but their delay is holding up the interstate highway construction plans.

Words(12):
10 completed
5 finished
3 but, to
2 built
1 along, build, done, from, put, ready, repaired

Letters(1):
30 v

5311.10 <gapes/gazes> bench/bunch (bum,bus lives,lived)

The old bum who lives downtown always sits on the park bench near the bank at noontime and ga*es at the young women walking by.

Words(15):

6	begs
5	feeds
2	asks, drinks, guzzles, smokes, waits, watches
1	dozes, dreams, during, fidgets, fishes, panhandles, sulks

Letters(4):

24	z
4	p
1	g, s

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Fourth letter changes

Noun: Same Shape

5400.01 <hulks/hulls> boats/goats (sea,set along,among)

It is said that the giant hul*s of ancient sunken boats litter the sea floor along the Magellan Strait.

Words(28):
2 sea, was
1 LochNess, amaryllis, at, ate, bee, cactus, climbed, climed, coleus, condor, eats, had, has, insects, luna, octopus, panda, pinto, redwoods, roamed, sloth, spider, stole, swallowtail, taco, tomatoes

Letters(4):
19 k
8 l
2 e
1 r

5400.02 <bribe/bride> stave/shave (chief,thief man,men)

Reluctantly, the chief gave the bri*e to the medicine man in order to stave off the impending revolt of the braves.

Words(24):
5 order
2 fireman, signal
1 braves, burnt, casserole, child, control, cowboy, go-a-head, group, it, land, man, peace, reward, sad, squaw, story, terminition, thief, tribal, warrior, warriors

Letters(4):
16 d
12 b
1 f, t

5400.03 <shame/share> others/otters (own,owl taking,raking)

In the eyes of others outside the family, the Godfather had increased his own sha*e by ruthlessly taking over the territories controlled by his brothers.

Words(15):
11 power
4 wealth
2 fortune, reputation
1 assets, feeling, hold, image, importance, influence, position, protection, realm, stature, status

Letters(3):
19 r
6 m
5 p

5400.04 <charm/chasm> there/theme (all,ill who,why)

According to all my friends who have visited there, Arizona's unique cha*m is fascinating to tourists.

Words(11):
8 climate
6 landscape
4 desert
3 beauty
2 scenery, (no response)
1 environment, terrain, topography, vegetation, weather

Letters(2):
29 r
1 i

5400.05 <flame/flare> tower/towel (lost,last miles,mules)

The park rangers reported that they could see the lost camper's fla*e from miles away up in the Southeastern observation tower.

Words(21):
4 orange
3 fire, tent
2 footprints, trailer
1 bag, camp, campfire, car, clothes, flair, flare, hat, jacket, light, on, reflective, small, tracks, trail, white

Letters(2):
18 r
12 m

5400.06 <files/films> deals/dealt (has,had covert,covers)

The FBI has secret fil*s documenting the ambassador's covert deals with PLO officials.

Words(11):
13 files
7 agents
2 information
1 combinations, documents, file, investigations, plans, sub-organization, weapon, weapons

Letters(1):
30 e

5400.07 <leach/leash>+ later/layer (why,who there,where)

We wondered why the dog was whining and yelping so pathetically all day. Later I found there was a lea*h on him that caused the problem.

Words(13):
12 thorn
3 burr, cat
2 splinter, stone
1 chain, large, needle, skunk, sliver, small, tack, tick

Letters(2):
25 s
5 c

5400.08 <books/boots> stove/shove (picked,packed put,pot)

Pauley picked up his wet boo*s, which had been in the snow, and put them near the stove to dry.

Words(18):
3 shoes, swimsuit, towel
2 bathing, boots, coat, jacket, suit, swim
1 diaper, dream, noodles, notebook, raincoat, shirt, sock, toothbrush, underpants

Letters(2):
27 t
3 k

5400.09 <price/prize> killing/filling (for,fox would,could)

Agent Saunders knew that the pri*e for killing the revolutionary leader would be execution.

Words(24):
3 man
2 assignment, bomb, mission, suspect
1 Russians, area, bank, butler, chicken, file, formula, jig, men, message, most, murderer, narcotics, only, president, program, spy, vital, way

Letters(5):
14 c
7 z
4 d, m
1 t

+ One of the critical words, leach, is an incorrect spelling of leech. This sentence was included because of an oversight.

5400.10 <glare/glaze> shiny/spiny (out,but bright,blight)

As it came out of Clem's car wash, the gla*e on the car was so bright and shiny that I had to shield my eyes.

Words(12):
19 car
1 Lincoln, antenna, buick, bus, cadillac, cadillac's, elephant, fire, limousine, old, owner

Letters(4):
20 r
8 z
1 d, s

5400.11 <blare/blaze> atone/alone (curse,curve ran,raw)

I wish I could atone for every curse I made at Sargent Doyle. Yesterday I was shot in battle and Doyle ran straight into the bla*e of rocket fire to save my life.

Words(17):
7 line
5 fire
2 enemy, field, fray
1 battlefield, enemy's, foxhole, gun, gunfire, heat, medical, melee, path, shelter, thick, (no response)

Letters(4):
23 z
5 d
1 k, r

5400.51 <fires/firms> light/fight (growing,glowing have,pave)

The FBI was called in to investigate the growing number of suspicious fir*s that have appeared lately in the downtown's "red light" district.

Letters(2):
25 e
5 m

5400.52 <parks/parts> mayor/major (crime,prime rates,fates)

The mayor ardently demanded that police protection be doubled in all those par*s in the downtown area that have been reporting high crime rates recently.

Letters(2):
20 t
10 k

5400.53 <sagas/sages> times/dimes (poet,port times,tomes)

No modern poet could ever hope to equal the brilliant sag*s of ancient times. There will never be another Homer or Virgil -- of that I'm sure.

Letters(3):
21 a
8 e
1 g

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Fourth letter changes

Noun: Different Shape

5401.01 <cases/casks> party/panty (carry,curry our,fur)

The boys went down to the cellar to carry up the cas*s of our finest red wine to the party. It's sure to impress our guests.

Words(26):
3 old
2 Christmas, fruit
1 apple, apples, beer, big, bottles, boxes, canned, crates, extra, firewood, folding, garbage, jugs, ladder, laundry, piano, potatoes, sine, table, things, twenty, wine, year's

Letters(3):
25 e
3 k
2 t

5401.02 <snake/snare> vet/vat (nasty,hasty blood,brood)

Our dog was hurt while we were out hunting. He got a nasty wound caused by a sna*e and was losing a lot of blood. We had to stop and take him to the vet.

Words(24):
3 stray
2 barbed, porcupine, shot, thorn
1 another, badly, bite, broken, bullet, cactus, fox, gunshot, hunter's, neglected, pellet, raccoon, roused, rusty, snake, snare, trap, wild, wounded

Letters(2):
25 k
5 r

5401.03 <shade/shape> swamp/stamp (after,alter still,stall)

Let's keep that old swamp maple in our backyard. After all we have no tree to replace it and its sha*e is still very nice.

Words(15):
5 a
4 been
3 branches, really, the
2 color, shade
1 almost, giving, just, leaves, roots, sentimental, sentimentality, too

Letters(3):
28 d
1 m, p

5401.04 <pride/prize> showing/snowing (hoped,hopes would,could)

The Millers had hoped that their oldest son Harry would gain some kind of pri*e from showing his blue-ribbon pig at the country fair.

Words(13):
9 recognition
4 respect
2 confidence, experience, reputation, self, skill, understanding
1 employment, national, self-confidence, training, useful

Letters(2):
21 d
9 z

5401.05 <horde/horse> barn/burn (top,tip field,fiend)

From the top of the barn the hor*e could be seen running across the field toward the old farmer's house.

Words(21):
3 boy, rooster
2 bird, entire, farmer, view, whole
1 birds, cat, city, farm, fields, kids, man, one, pigs, river, shingles, weather, world, young

Letters(2):
29 s
1 d

5401.06 <place/plate> guest/guess (printed,painted table.fable)

Each guest had his or her name printed on a little card which was near their pla*e at the dining table.

Words(13):
12 place
4 plate, seat
1 assigned, chair, designated, dinner, families', heart, his, ice, plates, water

Letters(2):
18 t
12 c

5401.07 <stage/state> bud/bug (assured,assumed nip,zip)

The engineer agreed that the plutonium is now in a highly dangerous sta*e, but he assured the NRC officials that the control rods can nip any possible dangerous reaction in the bud in a matter of seconds.

Words(16):

7	state
5	and
3	form
2	condition, level
1	conditions, nuclear, pace, place, position, radiation, radioactive, shortage, stage, storing, toxic

Letters(2):

26	t
4	g

5401.08 <globe/glove> found/fount (that,what was,has)

I found that my missing glo*e was in the high school's lost-and-found.

Words(17):

3	ring, shoe, watch
2	cufflinks, earring, glove, keys, pen, tooth, wallet
1	assignment, button, cat, puppy, purse, shoes, tie

Letters(3):

18	v
11	b
1	o

5401.09 <grins/grips> shook/shoot (hands,lands mused,fused)

"I'll never forget the hearty gri*s of those courageous pilots as I shook their hands right before I sent them on that suicidal mission," the captain mused.

Words(15):

6	welcome
5	laugh
4	appetite
3	meal
2	laughter
1	Burgundy, applause, breakfast, campfire, dinner, go, soup, stew, talk, time

Letters(6):

14	t
7	p
6	n
1	d, l, (no response)

5401.10 <clubs/clues> mystery/mastery (site,rite hoping,roping)

The detective carefully inspected the clu*s around the murder site, hoping for any possible answer to the mystery.

Words(22):
4 fingerprints
3 scene
2 dead, evidence, room
1 artifacts, bills, bloody, carpet, clues, corpse's, doorknob, gun, handle, house, knife, murder, school, set, size, unlocked, upstairs

Letters(4):
26 e
2 b
1 u, (no response)

5401.51 <spike/spire> stony/story (chunk,chink jutting,putting)

The last earthquake had forced a huge chunk of bedrock up through the surface. Now Dan has an enormous stony spi*e jutting up in his backyard.

Letters(5):
18 k
7 r
3 n
1 c, (no response)

5401.52 <beads/beans> necks/decks (order,older ward,warm)

The Maraguri medicine men wear magic bea*s around their necks in order to ward off evil spirits and dangerous animals.

Letters(2):
25 d
5 n

5401.53 <poems/poets> study/studs (why,who writing,waiting)

Sixteenth century English poe*s are Professor Helmshutz's field of study. That's why everybody was so surprised when he began writing movie reviews for the Tribune.

Letters(2):
24 t
6 m

5401.54 <shops/shows> fit/pit (spent,spend long,lone)

Toni and I spent our long weekend going to all the sho*s in downtown Manhattan that we could possibly fit into the limited time we had.

Letters(3):
17 p
12 w
1 e

5401.55 <sighs/signs> talk/walk (tell,yell going,doing)

Tom could tell from some sig*s in the audience that his talk was not going well at all.

Letters(1):
30 n

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Fourth letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Same Shape

5410.01 <clamp/clasp> hands/hangs (those,these bar,car)

Whenever I'm in one of those roller coasters I cla*p my hands firmly around the protective bar and squeeze my eyes tightly shut.

Words(12):
13 get
5 feel
2 always, scream
1 become, begin, close, closes, clutch, fell, throw, turn

Letters(2):
22 s
8 m

5410.02 <beams/bears> wax/tax (car,bar fading,wading)

The wax on your car protects the paint from fading as the bright midday sun bea*s down on it, creating intense heat.

Words(10):
15 beats
3 burns, shines
2 bleaches, is
1 beams, causes, oxidized, tries, trys

Letters(3):
24 t
5 m
1 d

5410.03 <black/blank> storm/stork (right,might middle,muddle)

During last night's storm, the TV screen went bla*k right in the middle of the family's favorite program, Little House on the Prairie.

Words(10):
14 blank
4 out
3 on
2 black, fuzzy
1 completely, dark, funny, gray, white

Letters(3):
23 n
6 c
1 a

5410.04 <trail/trawl> sonar/solar (plan,play fishing,wishing)

The devious plan was for the fishing boat to tra*l behind the submarine, so that they could not be distinguished by the enemy's sonar.

Words(22):
7 sink
2 run, sail
1 appear, be, capsize, come, crash, cross, decoy, dispose, dock, go, hide, hit, make, overturn, send, slip, soundlessly, submerge, tip

Letters(3):
28 i
1 l, w

5410.05 <shady/shaky> rumor/humor (least,leash until,untie)

Grandpa ran an awfully sha*y business, so rumor has it. You've at least got to give him credit, though, for supporting himself until he passed away.

Words(17):
6 high
4 long
3 fast
2 big, strict, tight
1 bad, disorganized, fever, good, loose, lot, messy, race, slow, strange, successful

Letters(3):
20 d
7 k
3 b

5410.06 <lease/leave> sure/surf (house,mouse moved,mowed)

The Blairs were sure that their house was haunted and they moved to lea*e it immediately.

Words(6):
16 a
6 another
5 the
1 California, an, get

Letters(3):
23 v
6 s
1 r

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Fourth letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Different Shape

5411.01 <heady/heavy> scent/scene (came,cave scent,scant)

From the princess's chamber came the hea*y scent of exotic perfume.

Words(19):
9 sound
2 frog, prince, sounds
1 blood, chatter, cry, groan, lady, laughter, maid, order, overwrought, princess, queen, sinister, surprised, velvety, word

Letters(3):
28 y
1 t, (no response)

5411.02 <finds/fines> bank/bark (banks,tanks presses,dresses)

Frank keeps borrowing more and more money from all the local banks. "Everything's going to be o.k.," he claims, "as long as no bank ever fin*s me or presses charges."

Words(16):
6 checks, finds
2 asks, calls, talks, turns
1 catches, comes, demands, does, forecloses, knows, makes, says, tries, wants

Letters(3):
24 d
5 e
1 o

5411.03 <curbs/cures> eat/pat (men,ten diets,dirts)

"I've seen men with big appetites before, but there's nothing to compare to the likes of Norman," said Steve. "He's tried a million diets, but there is nothing that cur*s that enormous urge to eat."

Words(11):
7 can, seems
4 will
3 helps, works
1 conforms, has, he, keep, satisifies, stops

Letters(3):
16 e
13 b
1 r

5411.04 <calls/calms> bad/mad (bad,bed grandma,grandpa)

Whenever there's a bad thunderstorm, Norbert cal*s grandma, so she won't get worried and nervous.

Words(15):
11 hides
5 runs
2 hid
1 always, can, closes, crawled, crawls, cries, go, our, quickly, takes, the, watches

Letters(2):
29 l
1 p

5411.05 <brace/brake> crash/clash (car,cab way,pay)

The driver of the white car was ready to bra*e for a crash when the drunken driver swerved his vehicle out of the way of the oncoming traffic.

Words(20):
4 go
3 race, start
2 back, fight, speed
1 call, change, cross, fall, get, leave, make, pass, pull, rip, run, snatch, strangle, turn

Letters(3):
23 k
5 c
2 v

5411.06 <scaly/scary> pointed/painted (slapped,snapped him,his)

Freddie picked up the sca*y lizard and pointed it at his sister. She yelled and slapped him in the face.

Words(22):
5 phone
2 book, morning, paper, rock
1 apple, bat, big, cat, clock, dying, fiddle, gun, hose, last, newspaper, orange, quarter, receiver, sticks, tickets, wet

Letters(2):
19 l
11 r

5411.07 <inept/inert> hardy/handy (sorry,worry dolts,colts)

"I wish I had some hardy workers in my crew," complained the line foreman, "rather than this sorry bunch of ine*t dolts that I have now."

Words(18):
7 lazy
4 bums
2 jerks, losers, weaklings
1 good, good-for-nothing, goof-offs, hippies, loafer, loosers, neer-do-wells, pansy-ass, parasites, screw-offs, workers, worthless, young

Letters(3):
27 r
2 r
1 c

5411.08 <bulgy/bulky> tail/tall (fancy,fangy had,has)

The fancy goldfish had huge bul*y eyes and a long frilly tail.

Words(13):
8 fins
6 gills
5 eyes
2 bulging
1 bright, colorful, dorsal, green, grotesque, orange, pectoral, stripes, white

Letters(4):
14 g
7 k, l
2 b

5411.09 <alike/alive> deck/desk (both,bath world,would)

It was amazing that both coelencanth specimens were ali*e, thought Doctor Taylor, as they were pulled up on the trawler's deck. The biological world will be astounded.

Words(19):
6 found
3 exactly, still
2 in, missing
1 a, at, captured, eating, growing, had, identical, intact, negative, of, preserved, similar, so, stolen

Letters(5):
14 k
13 y
1 b, g, n

5411.10 <spiky/spiny> rock/rac[illegible] (face,fame scared,spared)

The frightening face of the spi*y lionfish popped out from under the rock and scared the aquarium visitors.

Words(21):
5 monster
2 Halloween, man, old, thief, war
1 burglar, child, dead, dog, girl, killer, lion, little, mugger, scarecrow, scared, skeleton, small, wizard, women

Letters(6):
15 n
9 c
2 t, (no response)
1 d, k

5411.11 <awake/aware> open/oven (state,stage him,hum)

The patient was in a very strange state after the operation: his eyes were open but he did not respond to things around him. The doctors couldn't tell if he was awa*e or not at that particular time.

Words(16):
7 conscious
4 in
3 awake, blind
2 comatose
1 a, aware, dead, deaf, faking, fully, going, physically, responding, still, unconscious

Letters(2):
16 k
14 r

5411.51 <daily/dairy> sales/soles (getting,letting drop,drip)

Roger Jerome, the grocer, was getting worried about the sudden drop in his dai*y sales. He wondered if his competitor had lowered his prices again.

Letters(2):
24 l
6 r

5411.52 <probe/prove> wanted/panted (but,cut had,has)

Judge Mason wanted to pro*e the treasonous activities of the president's military advisors, but he knew he had neither the authority nor the evidence to initiate an investigation.

Letters(3):
15 b
14 v
1 s

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Fifth letter changes

Noun: Same Shape

5500.01 <store/storm> dropped/dripped (went,sent walking,talking)

The tornado warning siren went off while we were walking around in the stor*. We dropped what we were doing right there and ran straight home.

Words(20):
6 park
2 block, field, garden, mall, rain
1 big, center, corner, courtroom, department, fields, grounds, halls, house, new, parking, rainstorm, shopping, weather

Letters(3):
24 e
5 m
1 u

5500.02 <chain/chair> trainer/trailer (yelled,yelped grab,drab)

The circus lion was about to escape from the open door of its cage when the animal trainer yelled to his assistant: "Quick! grab that chai* in the corner of the cage and give it to me before this cat gets away."

Words(27):
2 man, rope, whip
1 baby, bag, cage, chair, child, close, door, falling, fire, grab, grocery, guy, it, kid, knife, lion, lion's, little, pan, pitchfork, pot, runaway, safety, towel

Letters(3):
18 n
11 r
1 (no response)

5500.03 <colon/color> botched/notched (ace,awe looking,locking)

The ace surgeon, Dr. Voss, knew that the previous operation on Mrs. Huntington had been absolutely botched. By looking at her colo* he could tell that infection had already set in.

Words(18):
5 scars
3 he, scar, x-rays
2 arm, face
1 charts, arms, closely, dull, incision, incisions, latest, slowly, stitches, stomach, test, you

Letters(3):
17 n
12 r
1 (no response)

5500.04 <scare/scars> detail/retail (liven,liver pride,bride)

Colonel Pilson, a famous and daring African explorer, decided to liven up his lecture to the sedate members of the London Explorer's Club. In vivid detail, he described the horrible scar* he got from his encounter with the pride of lions.

Words(26):

3	experience
2	encounter, massacre
1	adventure, animal, cannibals, carnivorous, conditions, customs, dangers, death, decapitation, escape, events, goring, incident, killing, lion, looking, manner, monster, primitive, sight, stalking, swarms, torture

Letters(3):

28	e
1	r, y

5500.05 <shelf/shell> room/roam (looked,looped never,fever)

Peter looked for the missing shel* in the attic, but it wasn't there. Now Mary's living room decor will never be complete.

Words(19):

6	piece
3	dog
2	button, contact, link, part
1	attache, ball, black, brand, cable, camera, clue, glove, lug, ring, toys, wallet, window

Letters(2):

29	l
1	f

5500.06 <score/scorn> played/placed (reason,season matter,master)

"Our baseball team is just as skilled as the visiting team and they have no reason to look down on us," the manager explained to the reporter. "But we couldn't overcome their early scor* no matter how professionally we played."

Words(15):

16	lead
1	attacks, conceited, enthusiasm, homeruns, momentum, nervousness, opinion, push, rally, snobbiness, spurt, string, success, surge

Letters(2):

29	e
1	n

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Fifth letter changes

Noun: Different Shape

5501.01 <truce/truck> party/parts (our,fur help,helm)

On our mission to South America, our party obtained a truc* in Nicaragua with the generous help of the U.S. government.

Words(21):
4 rare, visa
3 guide
2 map
1 boat, diplomatic, document, fine, grenade, large, license, ninety, number, pass, permit, photograph, reporter, special, supply, very, wide

Letters(2):
27 k
3 e

5501.02 <scene/scent> flowers/blowers (saw,sat while,white)

We saw some beautiful country while driving on our vacation. The wheat fields were inspiring and the scen* of the flowers in the meadows was just heavenly!

Words(19):
10 mountains
2 corn, rolling
1 apple, canyons, clover, crows, flat, forest, forests, large, pasture, plains, purple, rivers, rows, vineyards, wildlife, windmills

Letters(3):
27 e
2 t
1 a

5501.03 <scale/scalp> paunchy/raunchy (reached,beached bald,bold)

Bruce could tell he had reached middle age just by looking at his scal*. The last thing he wanted to be was a paunchy bald old man.

Words(17):
6 reflection
3 gray, receding
2 balding, bulging, face, graying
1 bald, beer, beltline, hair, middle, newly, pot, soft, white, wife's

Letters(2):
23 p
7 e

5501.04 <flood/floor> fire/fine (why,shy bad,sad)

The builders of this house were so totally incompetent we had to fire them. That's why we had such a bad floo* in our bathroom.

Words(14):
15 time
2 delay, problem
1 accident, bulge, business, experience, flooding, house, leak, reputation, trying, winter, with

Letters(2):
22 d
8 r

5501.05 <spool/spoon> desk/deck (found,sound buried,burned)

Today I found something buried in one of the desk drawers: a wooden spoo*. You don't see them too often; nowadays they're all made of plastic or something.

Words(19):
7 spoon
2 doll, letter, pencil, ruler, toy
1 Sioux, box, button, carving, clothespin, crate, hand, key, knife, nickel, plaque, sculpture, trinket

Letters(3):
28 n
1 l, p

5501.06 <trail/train> hours/tours (long,lone still,stall)

My partner thought the trip to the first station was too long. "We've been on the trai* for hours on end and we still haven't reached our destination yet," he complained.

Words(5):
18 road
6 train
3 trail
2 same
1 rode

Letters(2):
23 l
7 n

5501.07 <chili/chill> cold/cord (leave,lease there,where)

I had to leave the restaurant because the chil* there was too cold.

Words(19):

7	food
3	man, smell
2	manager
1	appointment, car, cigarette, cockroaches, head, hospital, meter, my, owner, phone, roaches, service, smoke, storm, waitress

Letters(4):

20	d
5	l
4	i
1	e

5501.08 <mould/moult> would/wound (next,nest would,could)

The next and final moul* for the eagle was the critical one. This would determine whether it would continue to exist or not.

Words(20):

3	exam, lecture, question, step
2	act, test
1	chapter, class, contest, contestant, event, flight, lap, light, mistake, number, opportunity, performance, report, stage

Letters(5):

17	d
6	t
3	e, (no response)
1	l

5501.09 <swami/swamp> heaven/heaved (hot,hog weather,leather)

On my visit yesterday I noticed that the swam* stunk to high heaven. The combination of filth and hot weather made my stay there unbearable.

Words(23):

3	door, house
2	children, kitchen, nurses
1	child, curtains, doctor, dust, fence, flowers, grass, lawn, mail, new, old, pond, rain, room, shades, teacher, walls, window

Letters(4):

24	p
3	i
2	e
1	(no response)

5501.10 <guild/guilt> fellow/follow (leave,lease sense,tense)

The finance meeting last night made me sorry I am a member of this organization. I had to leave that room full of pompous men who had no sense of duty to country or responsibility to their fellow man. It was just that the guil* was too much to bear, so I left.

Words(24):

3	men
2	I, funds, members, money
1	air, atmosphere, attitudes, budget, commissioner, committee, disappointment, entire, go, lethargy, measure, meeting, men's, needs, organization, others, points, vote, whole

Letters(5):

22	t
4	d
2	e
1	y, (no response)

5501.11 <clang/clank> rails/raids (tracks,traces heard,hears)

I ran off the tracks quickly because my partner said he heard the clan* of a train rolling down the rails toward the depot. Repairing rails is a dangerous business to be sure.

Words(11):

17	train
3	sound
2	rumble
1	animal, car, engines, [illegible]r, police, sounds, train's, training

Letters(4):

19	s
9	k
1	e, t

5501.12 <frond/front> stage/stake (taking,taping fern,tern)

Just by taking a look at the fron* of the fern, he could tell that it was in the reproductive stage.

Words(28):

2	house, sky
1	baby, book, cake, car, car's, clouds, color, dog, door, engine, expression, first, food, front, handwriting, meter, painting, plant, price, sales, skewed, stars, sun, tree, wall, window

Letters(2):

29	t
1	d

5501.13 <trace/track> cloud/clout (looking,looping any,ant)

For years the nation's top physicists had been looking for any kind of trac* left behind by their theoretical subatomic particle in the cloud chamber.

Words(23):
3 new
2 breakthrough, chemical, clue, cure, evidence
1 break, clues, defense, excuse, explanation, formula, generator, help, improvement, leak, mechanism, physical, relationship, research, sign, solution, theory

Letters(2):
27 e
3 k

5501.14 <decal/decay> status/statue (car,cab side,site)

The officer might get suspicious about the status of this car of ours unless we scrape off that deca* on the driver's side before it is inspected.

Words(21):
6 old
3 paint
2 blue, sticker
1 Hertz, I.D., bogus, communist, decal, dirt, dried, green, horrible, insignia, license, mud, out- of-state, pizza, red, rusted, symbol

Letters(2):
22 l
8 y

5501.15 <climb/clime> sister/mister (knew,know hiked,biked)

I knew my sister would like it up in the Colorado mountains. She told me it was a nice clim* as we hiked up to my mountain cabin.

Words(14):
10 place
4 vacation
3 change
2 break, way
1 and, area, experience, location, peaceful, quiet, scenic, summer, to

Letters(2):
29 b
1 a

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Fifth letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Same Shape

5510.01 <reach/react> monkeys/donkeys (these,those test,rest)

Because of a nervous system disorder acquired late in prenatal development, these monkeys cannot reac* normally to common test stimuli.

Words(22):
3 climb, control
2 coordinate, function, move, swing
1 adjust, breast, develop, each, ever, hang, identify, provide, reproduce, see, sit, speak, stand, think, twist, use

Letters(2):
29 t
1 h

5510.02 <large/largo> short/shout (section,suction parts,parks)

I asked the principal violinist in the orchestra what he thought of the composer's extra long and difficult symphony, which will premiere tomorrow night. "The larg* section of the symphony," he said, "is the easiest, while the more difficult parts are comparatively short."

Words(19):
5 symphony
4 music
3 piece
2 audience, composition
1 arrangement, crowd, evening, exposition, fifth, first, guy, introduction, last, melody, orchestra, strings, timing, work

Letters(2):
26 e
4 o

5510.03 <mania/manic> cases/capes (change,charge latest,lamest)

The head psychiatrist informed his staff of a new and radical policy change at the latest meeting: "From now on the mani* classification is obsolete in this hospital. Cases of this type will now be called

Words(17):
10 patients
4 patient
2 staff
1 clinic, couch, employees, entire, information, late, lobotomy, most, nurses, oedipus, policy, pricing, rooms, senior

Letters(6):
22 c
3 a
2 (no response)
1 d, p, x

5510.04 <bland/blank> date/fate (out,but date,mate)

"I felt as though this entire evening out with you was absolutely blan*," Mary complained to her insulted date.

Words(13):
9 a
4 wonderful
3 the, wasted
2 heavenly, useless
1 awful, beautiful, boring, fruitless, marvelous, out, unnecessary

Letters(2):
18 d
12 k

5510.05 <plump/plumy> vet/vat (cages,pages fly,ply)

The vet was called to the peacocks' cages at the city zoo, because one old bird hurt himself on the fence surrounding the cage. The plum* peacock had tried his best to fly to freedom, but he didn't make it very far.

Words(16):
9 vet
5 bird
2 bird's, fence
1 birds, dumb, fan, injury, kids, little, peacock, poor, right, tail, underpart, wire

Letters(3):
21 e
5 p
4 b

5510.06 <clean/clear> lunch/lynch (table,fable mess,muss)

"Would you please clea* the table of the breakfast mess before you make lunch!" Mother said as she left for work.

Words(17):
6 pass
4 tell
2 be, call, come, leave, turn
1 answer, drive, get, go, marry, meet, mind, quiet, remove, stop

Letters(2):
18 n
12 r

5510.07 <clean/clear> wax/tax (even,ever look,cook)

After a whole year I finally decided to take my poor filthy little car downtown to the car wash. Afterwards I even had my son wax it. It's a relief to look through a clea* windshield again.

Words(6):

24	clean
2	window
1	dirty, shining, truely, windshield

Letters(2):

24	n
6	r

FIVE LETTER WORDS

Fifth letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Different Shape

5511.01 <dread/dream> draft/craft (those,these most,post)

"Though you may not believe it, the day that the draft is reinstated is one of those things I drea* about the most," said the Colonel.

Words(17):
4 am, dread
3 have, hope
2 feel, look, will
1 always, can, can't, find, know, predicted, remember, think, thought, was

Letters(2):
25 d
5 m

5511.02 <swear/sweat> talk/balk (recent,decent reveals,repeals)

A recent survey conducted by Psychology Today reveals that women are not attracted to men who swea* too much, eat too much, or talk too much.

Words(21):
4 are, wear
2 act, do, have
1 attempt, carry, must, part, pick, play, present, refuse, seem, shave, smoke, style, talk, think, try, weak

Letters(3):
16 t
13 r
1 c

5511.03 <relax/relay> rules/roles (knew,know care,case)

All the research groups involved knew that the committee was about to rela* the new rules for care of animals used in experiments.

Words(19):
10 make
2 award, decide
1 come, complete, confirm, cut, deny, discontinue, discover, elect, lose, publish, refuse, reject, stop, tighten, uncover, (no response)

Letters(3):
23 y
6 x
1 t

5511.04 <crowd/crown> podium/sodium (king,ring tried,pried)

The king became very worried when the noisy mob of enthusiastic subjects tried to crow* him on the podium during the coronation ceremonies.

Words(19):
5 break
4 get
2 reach, rush, storm, take
1 all, charge, come, enter, force, gain, kill, lift, pick, pushed, remove, shake, use

Letters(2):
24 d
6 n

5511.05 <plaid/plain> shirt/skirt (wearing,weaving one,ore)

"The bearded man who's wearing the plai* shirt is the one you're looking for," the security officer whispered to the detective.

Words(17):
7 hat
4 black
3 glasses, red
1 cap, dark, funny, gray, grey, leather, orange, suit, three, tie, top, trenchcoat, yellow

Letters(2):
25 d
5 n

5511.06 <cling/clink> bar/bat (coin,corn metal,petal)

As the science teacher dropped the coin on the metal bar it would clin* as soon as it touched it. There's no doubt that the bar had been magnetized.

Words(15):
7 make
4 bounce, ring
3 stick
2 cause
1 causes, create, fall, leave, made, occasionally, pass, quickly, spark, vibrate

Letters(2):
15 g, k

5511.07 <speak/spear> tension/pension (tribe,bribe way,war)

While out on a hunt, away from the women and children, the men of this tribe will spea* anything they please. Anthropologists speculate that this is a way of wearing off tension built up by just sitting around the camp.

Words(26):
3 perform
2 go, leave
1 be, carouse, consume, cook, dance, engage, exchange, feast, gamble, get, gossip, kill, not, often, participate, raid, sing, sit, sleep, stay, talk, tell, try

Letters(2):
19 k
11 r

5511.08 <shade/shady> water/wafer (roots,rooms great,treat)

Weeping willows tend to have roots that seek the water in a house's septic system, and can do great damage. Still, because they are fine shad* trees, many people like them in spite of the menace.

Words(11):
14 shade
3 ornamental, trees
2 examples, to
1 long, looking, prices, rooted, specimens, systems

Letters(2):
29 e
1 o

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

First letter changes

Noun: Same Shape

7100.01 <motions/notions> promise/premise (still,skill form,norm)

Even though the dancer's *otions are truly unconventional, still they promise to someday revolutionize the art form.

Words(17):
7 feet
3 leg, legs
2 ankle, form, shoes
1 ankles, costume, foot, had, leap, on, style, technical, technique, tights, toes

Letters(4):
21 m
5 n
3 l
1 p

7100.02 <sailors/tailors> lived/livid (five,fine married,carried)

It was quite a coincidence that Mr. Eiseley's five daughters all married *ailors, considering they all lived in different parts of the country.

Words(18):
9 men
3 the
2 lawyers, on
1 at, blue, brothers, doctors, either, in, into, naturalist, one, professors, red, rich, to, within

Letters(1):
30 s

7100.03 <midgets/widgets> humor/rumor (are,ate sense,dense)

John thinks that *idgets are mythical entities conjured up by someone's odd sense of humor.

Words(16):
8 he
5 the
4 all
1 I, Margaret, President, Reagan, Sally, Tom, everyone, everything, girls, it, life, singing, sports

Letters(3):
24 m
4 r
2 d

7100.04 <raffles/waffles> county/counts (chance,change fair,fail)

Whenever I get a chance I go to the annual county fair, because their *affles are absolutely irresistable.

Words(22):
4 exhibits, pies
2 are, rides
1 I, atmosphere, barbecues, car, carnival, contests, cotton, displays, garden, home, home-baked, homemade, hot, kissing, popcorn, roasted, sideshows, special

Letters(2):
28 r
2 w

7100.05 <mumbles/rumbles> erected/ejected (near,fear her,hex)

The delicate acoustic and seismographic instruments erected near the crater will listen to the *umbles of Mt. St. Helens, in hopes of predicting her next eruption.

Words(16):
5 movements, underground
3 rumblings, vibrations
2 sounds, tremors
1 eruptions, ground, initial, internal, music, shifting, size, soundwaves, subterranean, volcanos

Letters(5):
24 r
3 m
1 h, t, v

7100.06 <sandals/vandals> find/bind (quite,quote find,wind)

It is quite common to find *andals throughout the dirty streets of Middle Eastern cities.

Words(27):
2 a, her, this
1 apples, brothers, butterflies, corn, doop, employees, gold, hermit, him, malnutrition, many, money, morons, out, snow, spider, squirrels, students, that, the, those, three, valuable, worms

Letters(3):
25 s
4 v
1 (no response)

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

First letter changes

Noun: Different Shape

7101.01 <tarnish/varnish> thinner/thinker (boy,buy come,cope)

The boy at the hardware store said that the *arnish will come off the kitchen table quite easily if we use diluted paint thinner.

Words(25):
6 nails
1 bearing, blue, day, deliveries, equipment, extension, hammer, hammers, hand, man, mowers, only, order, paint, pharmacist, price, screwdrivers, shipment, special, store, temperature, tool, war, wrench

Letters(3):
24 v
4 t
2 g

7101.02 <gambler/rambler> later/hater (away,sway born,boon)

Tex often goes away from home for several months, only to come back later penniless. His only excuse is that he is a born *ambler and just can't help himself.

Words(13):
7 loser
5 gambler
4 a, wanderer
2 rambler
1 bum, drifter, idiot, pauper, rover, spender, spendthrift, wander

Letters(2):
28 g
2 r

7101.03 <dangers/rangers> drove/drone (full,dull into,onto)

National parks are always full of *angers, we were informed as we drove our camper into Yellowstone.

Words(17):
8 campers
6 tourists
2 beautiful
1 bugs, different, foreign, horrible, information, people, pesty, picnic, pretty, sightseers, things, trailers, trash, wild

Letters(2):
22 r
8 d

7101.04 <barrier/carrier> unable/usable (tried,triad get,let)

The invading army tried to bomb the coastal city but was unable to get past the protective aircraft *arrier strategically placed by the enemy.

Words(21):
4 that, which
3 carrier
2 cover
1 and, artillery, barrier, blockade, coverage, defense, deployed, detectors, fire, interception, of, radar, sent, shield, situated, stationed, umbrella

Letters(2):
25 c
5 b

7101.05 <caverns/taverns> deals/dealt (trade,trace plan,play)

It was common practice for some groups of thieves to meet secretly in *averns and trade information, negotiate deals, and plan cooperative ventures.

Words(12):
12 the
5 caves
2 a, cave, their
1 alleyways, back, backrooms, old, order, pacts, sewers

Letters(2):
21 t
9 c

7101.06 <paddles/saddles> tents/tints (trip,trim packs,racks)

Almost everything the troop used on our camping trip to the Colorado River was borrowed from the Parks Commission: the canoes, the horses, the *addles, the packs, the cooking equipment, and the tents.

Words(11):
15 tents
4 packs
3 sleeping
1 backpacks, camping, cooking, food, life, paddles, tent, wagon

Letters(2):
16 p
14 s

7101.07 <joggers/loggers> around/abound (find,mind hours,tours)

In Fredericton you'll find that in the early hours of the morning you can see a lot of *oggers around in the streets.

Words(17):
6 people
4 birds
2 fog, lights, mist, morning, wild
1 activity, cars, commuters, dew, funny, new, nightcrawlers, pheasants, pigeons, strange

Letters(3):
26 i
3 I
1 p

7101.08 <batfish/ratfish> trash/brash (catch,watch lot,cot)

Norman is a hapless fisherman. We were out for flounder yesterday and he did catch a lot -- but they were all useless trash fish: eels, skates, *atfish, and sea robins.

Words(17):
11 and
3 carp
2 jellyfish
1 barracudas, blowfish, bluegill, bonefish, carps, catfish, dogfish, hagfish, minnows, polywogs, rockfish, shinners, sponges, trash

Letters(1):
30 c

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

First letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Same Shape

7110.01 <mashing/washing> now/new (ran,ray help,heap)

Paul ran up to his mother and asked, "Can you help me with my homework now?" "Don't bother me while I'm *ashing the potatoes," she answered.

Words(16):

6	cooking
4	watching
3	fixing
2	busy, doing, talking, trying
1	fix, making, on, reading, sleeping, tending, varnishing, with, working

Letters(3):

27	w
2	m
1	c

7110.02 <humbles/tumbles> city/pity (army,arms broken,broker)

Revolution seems hopeless, for as the Roman army *umbles city after city, the conquered people's spirits become ever more broken.

Words(25):

4	advances
2	approaches, continues
1	advanced, appeared, approached, begins, captured, conquered, demonstrated, grows, is, marched, marches, moved, often, outnumbers, rests, retreats, slept, surrounded, tried, trudged, wants, was

Letters(7):

11	r
6	f
5	h, t
1	b, j, (no response)

7110.03 <bumbles/fumbles> warned/warped (have,hate fire,firm)

"If our new assistant *umbles up another case, I'm going to have to fire him," warned Mr. Lynch.

Words(15):

7	is
4	doesn't
3	works
2	can't, has, manager, would
1	adapts, can, continues, disobeys, isn't, proves, succeeds, were

Letters(6):

15	m
8	f
3	t
2	b
1	j, n

7110.04 <earning/warning> watch/batch (know,knob pink,mink)

You know that the company has a careful watch on you when you get your first pink *arning statement delivered personally to your office.

Words(10):

19	slip
2	notice, warning
1	after, carnation, copy, elephant, memo, paper, watch

Letters(3):

28	w
1	d, e

7110.05 <recedes/secedes> nations/notions (ties,tips mean,lean)

If Saudi Arabia *ecedes from the cooperative ties it has with other oil-producing nations, it could mean more turmoil in the Middle East.

Words(17):

8	were
5	would
3	did
1	begins, breaks, crosses, cuts, falls, fights, gives, has, is, loses, lowered, raises, ran, refuses

Letters(5):

21	s
5	r
2	c
1	0, d

7110.06 <ringing/singing> heard/hoard (month,mouth next,nest)

Finally, when I came out of my coma, I didn't know what month or year it was, but I did know it was Sunday, because I heard *inging coming from the chapel next to the hospital.

Words(4):
18 the
10 church
1 a, all

Letters(2):
19 s
11 r

7110.07 <bickers/dickers> sells/sills (fails,wails lower,power)

For as long as I can recall, father always *ickers with the man who sells fruit at the marketplace. The commotion they cause is embarrassing, yet he never fails to get the man to lower his prices.

Words(23):
3 has, read
2 made, said, took
1 ate, been, called, carves, drank, drove, golfed, had, home, insisted, sits, slept, smoked, stressed, takes, taught, tucked, worked

Letters(6):
24 b
2 d
1 k, p, t, (no response)

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

First letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Different Shape

7111.01 <renders/tenders> steak/steam (kinds,minds said,laid)

This recently-discovered chemical *enders even the toughest steak so it is palatable. Unfortunately, it causes all kinds of cancers, or so the FDA has said.

Words(14):
7 is
4 has, may
3 can, will
1 bonds, compound, could, formula, produces, promised, reduces, stimulates, theory

Letters(6):
20 r
4 s
2 f, g
1 l, m

7111.02 <cuddles/huddles> warm/wart (cold,bold alive,alike)

During the tundra's cold winter blizzards in northern Alaska the female wolf *uddles together with her pups in order to keep them alive and warm.

Words(20):
5 finds
3 goes
2 digs, hibernates, protects, seeks
1 burrow, continues, gets, gives, heads, hides, hunts, keeps, lost, migrates, often, remains, uses, will

Letters(4):
18 h
10 c
1 b, m

7111.03 <martial/partial> entire/entice (due,die bomb,tomb)

The MPs have been ordered to instruct all visitors to be careful when entering the compound. The entire airport has been put under *artial alert due to a bomb threat.

Words(14):
9 surveillance
5 a
3 strict
2 alert, their
1 close, emergency, full, guard, heavily, martial, quarantine, tight, very

Letters(2):
16 p
14 m

7111.04 <coaxing/hoaxing> tonic/tunic (quack,quick turned,burned)

The quack Dr. Heath had been *oaxing the entire town into buying his wondrous tonic solution, which turned out to be only water.

Words(25):
4 practicing
2 giving, making
1 a, arrested, barred, called, caught, charging, chased, dispensing, doing, finally, in, make, out, prescribing, responsible, seeing, selling, sent, studying, sued, tried, using

Letters(3):
27 c
2 h
1 l

7111.05 <haughty/naughty> brat/bran (grown,brown play,pray)

The rich Hendersons have spoiled their daughter Pauline. That girl has grown to be a *aughty little brat. The other children won't play with her any more because of the way she acts.

Words(18):
5 real
4 very
3 spoiled
2 pain, self-centered, stuck
1 Jewish, demanding, dependent, egocentric, fickle, materialistic, nasty, obnoxious, really, snippy, thirty, whiny

Letters(2):
22 n
8 h

7111.06 <paunchy/raunchy> pockets/lockets (bum,rum scars,scabs)

I saw the man who picked my pockets yesterday when I was walking to work. You can recognize him easily. The bum is a *aunchy little man with a rough voice, smelly clothes, and a face covered with scars.

Words(24):
4 short
2 bearded, old, tall
1 6'5", creep, drunk, dwarf, familiar, fat, flashy, foot, laborer, lieutenant, man, migrant, millionaire, ragged, scaggly, scruffy, slob, thin, very, white

Letters(4):
19 r
7 p
3 h
1 l

7111.07 <heaving/weaving> spool/stool (boy,box trip,grip)

The worst industrial accidents are caused by mischief. For example, at American Thread, Inc., an employee was *eaving a giant spool of thread onto another spool when a boy tried to trip him. As a result, the employee was injured.

Words(20):

6	caught
5	playing
2	injured
1	allegedly, fatally, fired, fooling, killed, needling, negligent, not, on, pitching, seriously, severely, showing, stitched, torn, trying, unhappy

Letters(2):

16	W
14	I

7111.08 <rapping/yapping> area/aria (two,too seem,seek)

These two freshmen next door must be coordinating all the gossip in the area. They seem to be *apping constantly. When do they study?

Words(17):

6	the
4	always
3	on
2	aware, in, talking
1	constantly, delighted, enjoying, expert, experts, informed, initiating, knowledgeable, snooping, starting, well

Letters(9):

8	r
6	t
3	g, m, y
2	n, s, z
1	l

7111.09 <namable/tamable> wondered/pondered (land,lend new,now)

At least some of the first sailors to land on the coast of Africa must have wondered if all of these new fantastic animals were *amable or maybe some would remain unknown and untouched.

Words(17):

10	real
2	dangerous, figments, not, really
1	actually, adaptive, as, edible, for, friendly, from, men, merely, predatory, rare, significant

Letters(4):

26	t
2	(no response)
1	g, r

7111.10 <careful/dareful> lines/mines (task,talk walking,talking)

Colonel Zeke warned the members of his special espionage task force as he was walking behind his desk: "If we're going to avoid capture behind Nazi lines, we're going to have to be a little more *areful than we usually are."

Words(8):
19 careful
5 cautious
1 clever, cooperation, organized, quiet, quite, thorough

Letters(1):
30 c

7111.11 <basally/nasally> gland/grand (make,take more,move)

Dr. Nagel advised me: "If you want to properly dissect the pineal gland you're going to have to make the initial incision a little more *asally than you have been."

Words(13):
11 to
7 carefully
2 precisely
1 deep, deeply, delicately, gently, lengthy, longer, lower, shallow, toward, towards

Letters(7):
13 b
9 n
3 c
2 (no response)
1 g, i, s

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Second letter changes

Noun: Same Shape

7200.01 <oration/ovation> speaker/sneaker (left,lift mayor,major)

After the president had left the stage for the last time, the jubilant mayor went up before the enthusiastic audience and proclaimed: "That was the longest o*ation of any speaker in our new public lecture hall."

Words(15):
6 applause
4 ovation, speech
2 and, introduction, round, standing
1 discourse, encore, goodbye, meeting, most, sound, ten, victory

Letters(5):
13 v
8 r
1 s, l, t

7200.02 <wetness/witness> scene/scent (prove,probe crime,chime)

The DA was unable to prove that the murderer had frozen the victim's body in ice, since there was no w*tness near the scene of the crime.

Words(13):
7 evidence
3 body, freezer, ice, witness
2 fingerprints, sign, trace
1 capillary, concrete, frostbite, longer, way

Letters(3):
26 i
3 e
1 (no response)

7200.03 <fatness/fitness> times/tames (does,goes nasty,natty)

Dave does not like any nasty comments on his f*tness, and at times he gets very angry.

Words(21):
4 new, report
2 homework, papers, performance
1 beard, choice, clean, clothes, habit, haircut, journalism, lack, latest, old, paper, poor, reports, scar, test, way

Letters(2):
23 i
7 a

7200.04 <packets/pockets> lose/lore (bought,sought way,day)

Whenever the kids bought marbles, they made sure to keep them in their p*ckets until they got home, so they wouldn't lose any on the way.

Words(14):
9 pockets
5 own
3 secret
2 bags, marble
1 blue, desks, homemade, little, plastic, pouch, special, upstairs, very

Letters(2):
29 o
1 (no response)

7200.05 <battles/bottles> his/hid (that,what are,arm)

He is a hobbyist and a historian, and I understand that relics of Civil War b*ttles are his specialty.

Words(14):
15 are
3 battles
1 America, American, can, cannons, clothes, he, heros, history, memorabilia, of, time, would

Letters(2):
29 a
1 e

7200.06 <waiters/writers> guild/guilt (funny,runny point,joint)

It is a funny coincidence, but the actors in the local guild had all been w*iters at one point in their early careers.

Words(22):
4 to
3 students
2 in, planning, trained
1 abstaining, afraid, asking, at, characters, children, educated, fired, friends, graduates, happily, here, hounded, members, through, together, very

Letters(2):
28 r
2 a

7200.07 <bandage/bondage> howling/bowling (poor,pour dog,log)

The poor dog in the Wilson's backyard just couldn't tolerate his b*ndage, so he started howling loudly.

Words(21):
6 master's
2 collar, food, new, short
1 being, bone, chain, confinement, fleas, leash, limited, neck, next, owner's, poor, presence, small, too, treatment, wild

Letters(2):
19 a
11 o

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Second letter changes

Noun: Different Shape

7201.01 <showman/snowman> pointed/painted (life,lift said,sail)

"He's probably the best s*owman I've ever seen in my entire life!" Dad said as he pointed to the figure with the top hat.

Words(23):
3 athlete, pitcher
2 player, student, teacher
1 DJ, actor, author, baker, ball, baseball, dancer, doctor, friend, horseman, jockey, lover, one, quarterback, son, storyteller, surgeon, worker

Letters(3):
21 n
8 h
1 t

7201.02 <eclipse/ellipse> solar/polar (class,claps model,modes)

The astronomer demonstrated how the moon made an e*lipse with its orbit by showing the class his automated model of the solar system.

Words(13):
9 orbit
6 elliptical
4 eclipse
2 aura
1 annual, appearance, arc, complete, ecliptic, effect, important, oval, unusual

Letters(3):
21 c
8 l
1 i

7201.03 <sprains/strains> concern/concert (matter,master and,any)

A matter that should be of concern to both parents and school officials is the relatively high number of s*rains that the average high school football player has to contend with.

Words(20):
4 dropouts
3 drug, students
2 absenteeism, children, teenage
1 absences, assaults, attempted, disrespectful, fights, high, juvenile, kids, misbehaving, of, pregnancies, pupils, truancy, youngsters

Letters(2):
18 t
12 n

7201.04 <scanner/spanner> stuck/stock (there,where was,has)

There was a minor accident at Kennedy Space Center this week. In the Apollo capsule a technician was adjusting a s*anner when he discovered that he was firmly stuck in the cramped compartment.

Words(21):
3 circuit, screw, seat
2 dial, fuel, valve
1 broken, computer, connection, control, fitting, gas, knob, lock, monitor, potentiometer, rocket, sprocket, switch, tank, technical

Letters(3):
27 c
2 k
1 l

7201.05 <flights/frights> bad/mad (quite,quote all,ill)

"We had quite a few bad f*ights with Captain LaGuna," the stewardess recounted. "And believe me, we're all plenty glad that he had his license revoked."

Words(19):
4 experiences, storms
3 days
2 cases, times, winters
1 accidents, bad, calls, colds, copies, electrical, falls, months, nights, scares, snowstorms, students, things

Letters(4):
21 l
7 r
1 I, (no response)

7201.06 <snicker/sticker> class/clasp (clown,crown face,fact)

The whole class laughed suddenly. Miss Green looked to the back of the room at the class clown. Rob had pasted a silly s*icker on his face.

Words(16):
4 face
3 note, picture, sign, smile
2 grin, mustache, nose
1 bull's, cartoon, drawing, looking, mask, mustaches, paper, red

Letters(2):
28 t
2 n

7201.07 <fleeing/freeing> bondage/bandage (that,than made,mode)

I believe that Charlton Heston made this old spectacular movie which is about the f*eeing of the Israelites from bondage in Egypt quite early in his career.

Words(23):
5 life
2 Bible, most, ten
1 Bible's, Jews, Spanish, Titanic, West, apes, children, conquering, depression, flight, gladiators, great, millionaire, old, parting, planet, play, prophet, war

Letters(3):
18 l
11 r
1 (no response)

7201.08 <scuffle/shuffle> classes/glasses (brief,grief hall,wall)

The teacher expected trouble in school on the day following the clash between the rival gangs. But by some miracle, there was only a brief s*uffle of people in the hall between classes.

Words(17):
4 fight, scuffle
3 arguement, incident, skirmish
2 encounter
1 clash, comment, conflict, confrontation, dispute, interlude, meeting, minor, shooting, shouting, struggle

Letters(3):
22 c
7 h
1 k

7201.09 <sneaker/speaker> top/toy (socks,rocks next,neat)

"Where did you put your socks, Joe?" Marlene yelled to her sloppy son. "They're either on top of my stereo cabinet or next to my left s*eaker," he answered loudly.

Words(13):
13 speaker
6 shoe
1 arm, bedroom, blue, ear, hand, night, over, show, ski, stereo, tennis

Letters(2):
20 p
10 n

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Second letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Same Shape

7210.01 <resting/rusting> corner/cornet (hopes,hoped have,save)

The administration hopes that the new lathe will be used frequently, because otherwise it seems a waste to have that expensive equipment just r*sting in the corner of the lab.

Words(10):
14 sitting
4 to
3 for
2 lying, sit
1 around, because, laying, lie, sitting

Letters(2):
15 e, u

7210.02 <begging/bugging> spoiled/spooled (stop,shop new,now)

Joan yelled at her spoiled child: "Stop b*gging your poor, tired father about getting you a new bicycle."

Words(17):
7 whining
6 that
2 asking, crying
1 being, carrying, demanding, doing, eating, it, kicking, make, playing, screaming, spilling, taking, yelling

Letters(2):
17 e
13 u

7210.03 <packing/picking> jobs/joys (rare,bare earn,warn)

Matt got a good part-time job this summer p*cking pears on the farm. Jobs for teens are rare, he's lucky now he'll be able to earn some spending money.

Words(11):
12 working
3 as, at, he, in
1 and, but, delivering, repairing, so, which

Letters(2):
20 i
10 a

7210.04 <netlike/nutlike> easy/east (divers,rivers spot,slot)

The pearl divers can easily avoid the poisonous sponges, because their characteristic n*tlike appearance makes them easy to spot.

Words(19):
8 color
3 colors, shape
1 action, are, avoidance, bright, coloration, features, foods, habitation, is, noises, points, sedentary, shapes, skills, spines, to

Letters(3):
21 e
8 u
1 o

7210.05 <tapping/tipping> scaring/sparing (that,what fish,dish)

"Quit that!" Father yelled,. "By t*pping the aquarium you're scaring the fish."

Words(9):
13 the
7 now
3 God
2 golly
1 5:00, George, darn, heaven, time

Letters(3):
19 a
9 i
2 I

7210.06 <smelled/swelled> flesh/flash (flame,flare room,roof)

Bob had a bad accident with the flame thrower. The burnt flesh on his arm s*elled awfully bad. We brought the poor fellow to the emergency room as fast as we could drive.

Words(17):
8 was
4 is
2 and, needed, will
1 attracted, caused, did, had, has, never, pulled, required, scarred, smelled, they, would

Letters(4):
14 m, w
1 h, p

7210.07 <livable/lovable> place/plane (duty,duly for,fog)

The Early Warning Station on the northern Alaskan tundra is not the most l*vable place in the world, and that's why the air force doesn't assign men duty there for over six months.

Words(20):
4 effective, reliable
3 pleasant
2 advanced, modern
1 accessible, accomodating, accurate, comfortable, convenient, desirable, easily, frequently, heavily, isolated, picturesque, remote, station, strategically, technically

Letters(2):
23 i
7 o

7210.08 <stagger/swagger> grazed/graded (bar,car late,lame)

As I was going into the bar, I saw the drunk s*agger out of the other door and onto the busy street. I tried to run over and get him but it was too late, he was grazed by an oncoming pickup.

Words(18):
6 stumble
5 fall
2 pass, stagger, who
1 bouncer, buy, driver, falling, get, girl, laying, man, sprawled, stumbling, tramp, turn, weaving

Letters(3):
24 t
5 w
1 a

7210.09 <shyness/slyness> single/tingle (known,knows men,man)

The young widow's s*yness is well known to the single men in town.

Words(20):
4 children
3 face, husband
2 family, life, pension
1 attitude, cemetery, dog, emotions, feeling, house, inheritance, insurance, money, mother, sex, son, sorrow, tears

Letters(1):
30 h

7210.10 <sinless/sonless> life/lime (that,what even,ever)

He claimed that, even though he had been a s*nless man, his life had been very exciting.

Words(27):
2 convicted, poor, thief
1 Democrat, Marine, alcoholic, boor, boyscout, brat, clown, county, criminal, drunk, felon, general, hot, jerk, liar, little, pilot, priest, runner, scout, slow, student, teacher, track

Letters(3):
28 i
1 o, u

7210.11 <patting/petting> dog/log (has,was been,seen)

Rover has been following Joey, the new kid on the street, all day. Joey has been p*tting that dog constantly and now they're inseparable.

Words(22):
4 trying
3 feeding
2 kind, scared, very
1 all, delighted, enjoying, exploring, friendly, growing, having, loving, petting, pleased, riding, running, spying, teasing, tolerant, unsuccessfully, walking

Letters(3):
19 u
10 e
1 v

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Second letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Different Shape

7211.01 <shouted/spouted> join/loin (vain,pain words,works)

In vain, the colonel s*outed some words about loyalty and patriotism to the troop, but he knew that no one wanted to join the others on the front line.

Words(14):
15 tried
2 attempted, commanded
1 called, demanded, fought, jumped, pulled, put, said, shouted, sought, told, trimmed

Letters(2):
27 h
3 p

7211.02 <sputter/stutter> crash/trash (local,vocal nose,hose)

One local resident described the crash of the Piper Cub as follows: "I heard the engine s*utter, smoke came out of the side, and then the nose plummeted earthward."

Words(15):
10 sputter
3 begin, stall
2 explode, quit
1 blow, make, noise, overhead, rattling, roar, scream, screech, start, stop

Letters(3):
17 p
8 t
5 h

7211.03 <chested/crested> red/rod (beak,bead seen,been)

"Look, there, on that maple tree," whispered Dr. Warbler excitedly. On the tree was a bright red c*ested bird with a yellow beak. "It's hardly ever seen in these parts!" the doctor said.

Words(13):
10 cardinal
4 bird, leaf
2 butterfly, male
1 and, beautiful, crested, gigantic, headed, ribbon, robin, tanager

Letters(3):
23 r
6 h
1 (no response)

7211.04 <alerted/averted> snuck/stuck (squeals,squeaks cat,bat)

The frightened squeals coming from the rats' cages a*erted me to the whereabouts of the stray cat that had snuck its way into the lab.

Words(14):
6 were
5 indicated
4 are
2 grew, made, meant, signaled
1 alerted, continued, led, only, scared, told, woke

Letters(3):
27 l
2 v
1 s

7211.05 <springy/stringy> sweet/sweat (meat,meal too,top)

The strange meat had a very s*ringy consistency and an oddly sweet taste. I was too chicken to ask the tribesman what sort of creature I was eating.

Words(20):
5 peculiar
3 strange
2 interesting, pungent, strong, unusual
1 coarse, delicate, different, game, gamy, good, nice, pleasing, salty, smell, stringy, terrible, unique, weird

Letters(2):
29 t
1 y

7211.06 <shelled/smelled> cookies/rookies (began,begun some,home)

My mouth began to water as I s*elled the peanuts. There were plenty for the cookies I was baking so I couldn't resist eating some of them.

Words(8):
8 smelled
6 saw, watched
4 looked
3 thought
1 heard, remembered, stirred

Letters(2):
28 m
2 p

7211.07 <slabbed/swabbed> fever/lever (cold,bold chest,crest)

As an ostensible remedy for the cold and fever he had developed, the old nurse s*abbed some mustard plaster on the little boy's chest.

Words(18):

8	gave
2	drank, fed, made, prepared, told
1	afflicted, always, applied, began, brewed, had, have, ordered, pretended, rubbed, took, tried

Letters(3):

15	t
14	w
1	l

7211.08 <slapped/snapped> ropes/roses (held,hold water,wager)

The ropes which held the ship at its mooring s*apped over the water as the current began moving the ship back and forth.

Words(11):

12	were
4	broke, had
3	snapped
1	held, loosened, rip, rubbed, slipped, suddenly, was

Letters(3):

26	n
3	l
1	w

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Fourth letter changes

Noun: Same Shape

7400.01 <storage/stowage> goods/hoods (told,sold have,hate)

The foreman told us that once we put the goods into sto*age we could go out and have a beer.

Words(6):
23 the
3 boxes
1 crates, loading, neat, storehouse

Letters(1):
30 r

7400.02 <expanse/expense> face/race (month,mouth could,would)

Ruth tried to find peace in Texas for a month, but could no longer face the great exp*nse of the place that seemed to increase with each new day.

Words(26):
2 guilt, hot, pain, threat
1 burden, crowds, depression, depth, desert, disturbance, ego, heat, intellectual, loneliness, loss, persecutions. pressure, psychological, responsibility, strain, task, trauma, trials, truth, turmoil, void

Letters(3):
26 e
3 a
1 q

7400.03 <planter/plaster> set/net (set,let back,bank)

John was certain he had set his trowel on the pla*ter by the back porch, but it had apparently evaporated.

Words(22):
3 back, ledge, shelf
2 table, wall
1 bench, dryer, edge, farthest, garden, grass, ground, peer, picnic, right, roof, space, step, steps, stoop, tool, top

Letters(3):
20 t
8 n
2 s

7400.04 <experts/exports> help/helm (this,thin are,arm)

This country's numerous exp*rts are probably no help to the actual maintenance of the economy.

Words(17):
8 problems
3 national, poor
2 population, resources
1 coal, country, forest, gay, highways, murders, rabbit, regions, revenue, shortages, sights, unemployed

Letters(2):
19 e
11 o

7400.05 <cookers/coolers> baskets/gaskets (good,wood and,any)

For the picnic Saturday we brought charcoal, an umbrella, several baskets, and some good outdoor coo*ers for the hot dogs and hamburgers.

Words(19):
10 games
2 furniture, insect
1 blankets, bug, chairs, clothing, cooking, equipment, food, game, grills, hibachi, lawn, pastimes, playing, sporting, tableclothes, utensils

Letters(2):
24 l
6 k

7400.06 <grocers/growers> produce/product (risen,ripen that,than)

The price of fresh produce has risen because the gro*ers claim that they can't keep up with double-digit inflation.

Words(19):
6 cost
3 farmers
2 crops, drought, economy, price
1 costs, crop, fishermen, general, intense, middleman's, production, rains, rate, rise, season, summer's, weather

Letters(3):
22 c
7 w
1 l

7400.07 <changes/charges> card/cart (large,barge card,care)

The extremely large cha*ges on my credit card billing motivated me to cancel my account.

Words(25):

3	animal
2	bear, dog, elephant
1	auditorium, ball, bird, boy, breasts, bug, car, fish, hawk, kite, man, monster, pie, selection, simian, tree, turnout, turtle, volcano, whale, window

Letters(3):

19	n
10	r
1	t

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Fourth letter changes

Noun: Different Shape

7401.01 <singers/sinners> pay/pan (lead,lend lives,wives)

Everybody knows that sin*ers lead exciting and pleasurable lives, but they pay for it when they get old.

Words(19):
6 the
4 he
3 you
2 they
1 Bill's, I, Steve, after, cold, cows, finals, one, rabbits, rice, she, summer, there, two, when

Letters(2):
29 n
1 g

7401.02 <eyelash/eyewash> running/sunning (eye,eve flush,flesh)

Quickly I took Timmy to the sink and began running water over his puffy eye in an attempt to flush out the eye*ash that was irritating it.

Words(19):
5 chemicals
4 poison
2 acid, bleach, cinder, grains
1 chemical, detergent, drano, dust, infectious, irritating, kerosene, piece, poisonous, sand, stone, strong, traces

Letters(4):
23 l
4 W
2 r
1 g

7401.03 <hammers/hampers> selling/sealing (all,ail week,peek)

According to the advertisement in the Sunday paper, Macy's is selling ham*ers at half-price all this week.

Words(19):
6 all, everything
2 a
1 TV's, Thanksgiving, black, children's, clothing, every, exactly, fishing, her, nearly, out, overstocked, pink, sheets, toys, wool

Letters(2):
20 m
10 p

7401.04 <slavers/slayers> river/rover (was,has nearly,yearly)

The population of the river people's villages was radically depleted from repeated invasions by their fierce warlike neighbors. The sla*ers would remove nearly a quarter of the population each time.

Words(21):
4 neighbors, tribe
3 river
2 invade
1 cave, cliff, hostile, invasions, location, males, murdering, name, nearby, peaceful, people, population, remaining, survivors, villagers, war, (no response)

Letters(6):
13 v
11 y
3 t
1 d, k, p

7401.05 <marlins/martins> mating/rating (there,these some,home)

On Wednesday evening there was a lecture on the mating habits of the blue mar*ins, some of the most attractive creatures in the Florida ecosystem.

Words(18):
6 whale
4 bird
3 birds
2 heron, whales
1 billed, breasted, crested, dolphin, eagles, eyed, herons, jay, salmon, shark, sharks, spotted, tailed

Letters(7):
14 l
10 t
2 g
1 i, m, r, (no response)

7401.06 <burgers/burners> smoke/spoke (noise,noose catch,watch)

The sizzling noise grew louder and smoke began coming from the bur*ers on our electric stove. Too much grease again; someday it might catch fire.

Words(21):
4 kitchen
3 oven
2 barbecue, frying, pan, skillet
1 barn, boy's, burner, crater, east, hall, home, large, middle, old, overheated, second, stove, train, ventilation

Letters(3):
25 n
4 g
1 i

7401.07 <yellers/yelpers> noise/poise (some,sore reason,season)

Some dogs are real yel*ers: they'll make noise for no reason all day and all night, driving the neighborhood crazy.

Words(19):
5 friendly
3 easy, mean
2 and, cute, pests
1 beggers, buddies, descendants, fun, go, hunters, hyper, killers, lapdogs, some, true, vicious, warm

Letters(3):
18 l
11 p
1 (no response)

7401.08 <leopard/leotard> pleated/cleated (went,sent odd,old)

When Candice went to college she left an incredible collection of odd and unwanted clothes in her closet: miniskirts, pleated skirts, a leo*ard suit, and some gaudy Halloween costumes.

Words(24):
6 pair
2 wool
1 blazer, bra, cheer, coat, corduroy, high, hoopskirt, huge, kilt, lion's, long, mumu, nehru, new, oxford, plaid, puffy, raccoon, shoe, wig, wrap-around, yellow

Letters(2):
25 t
5 p

7401.09 <cluster/clutter> lungs/rungs (toys,boys foot,root)

"Dad tripped and almost killed himself over the clu*ter of toys you left on the foot of the stairway!" Mom scolded.

Words(24):
3 rake
2 shoes, skate, stairs, toys
1 cord, dog, doorstep, edge, fallen, garden, hose, ice, icy, lamp, mess, new, pile, rollerskates, skates, stupid, telephone, tricycle, weekend

Letters(3):
26 t
3 s
1 m

7401.10 <airflow/airglow> hoped/honed (swamps,stamps bays,boys)

Dr. Silverman, the best climatologist in the state, was conducting an investigation that he hoped would explain the mysterious air*low discovered around stagnant swamps and bays downstate.

Words(24):

4	weather
3	change
2	disappearance
1	blue-green, climatic, cold, differences, drop, drought, fall, formation, green, heat, high, hurricanes, influxuations, mystery, occurrences, of, shift, string, temperature, tornadoes, winds

Letters(5):

24	f
2	e, s
1	g, t

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Fourth letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Same Shape

7410.01 <whistle/whittle> porch/poach (since,singe chair,chain)

Grandpa doesn't seem to do anything since he retired except sit out on the porch in his rocking chair and whi*tle from sunrise to sunset.

Words(18):
5 read
4 smoke, watch
2 drink, play
1 doze, dream, let, pass, remember, rock, sing, sleep, spit, whistle, whistling, whittle, wish

Letters(2):
19 t
11 s

7410.02 <shoeing/showing> learning/yearning (than,that hogs,hoes)

Majoring in agriculture entails much more than learning the arts of tying up hogs, sho*ing horses, and milking cows.

Words(15):
6 milking
4 planting
3 and, or
2 butchering, it, roping
1 buying, fertilizer, grading, herding, its, slopping, the, work

Letters(5):
17 e
5 w
4 v
3 o
1 t

7410.03 <leasing/leaving> jumped/jumper (man,men chance,change)

The real estate man said Dr. Burke was lea*ing his house, so naturally we jumped at the chance to acquire the property.

Words(17):
8 a
3 interested, selling, the
1 able, an, leaving, living, looking, moving, out, planning, really, unable, unwilling, very, was

Letters(5):
19 v
5 s
3 n
2 d
1 (no response)

7410.04 <strikes/strokes> tiger/timer (bad,mad trainer,trailer)

To get the Bengal tiger to behave and perform smoothly when it's in a bad mood, the trainer str*kes it repeatedly on the head for a minute or two.

Words(17):

4	feeds, must
3	gives, has
2	bribes, talks, uses
1	gave, gets, offers, plays, rewards, shoots, tempts, toss, used, whips

Letters(2):

25	i
5	o

7410.05 <beaming/bearing> goner/loner (down,dawn bone,cone)

Stranded in the Mojave Desert, the sun bea*ing down on him and his canteen dry as a bone, Steve thought he was a goner for sure.

Words(15):

11	beat
4	was
2	baked, seemed
1	beating, beats, becomes, burned, can, dried, grew, hotly, played, turned, (no response)

Letters(3):

21	t
8	m
1	r

7410.06 <decides/decodes> bases/bales (enemy,enema take,make)

The captain said that once headquarters dec*des what the enemy message means, we'll be able to take action against their bases right under their nose.

Words(16):

6	gave
5	was
4	had
3	were
1	agreed, approved, called, contacted, is, notified, okayed, phone, radioed, returns, sent, wired

Letters(4):

24	i
4	o
1	a, c

7410.07 <wishful/wistful> candy/handy (large,barge stove,stone)

Looking at her daughter, now on the board of a large corporation, Mrs. Raymond couldn't help remembering when Cindy was just a wis*ful child playing with her toy stove and trying to hoard her Halloween candy.

Words(13):
15 little
2 cute, tiny, young
1 babe, baby, child, college, girl, insecure, small, spoiled, toddler

Letters(2):
23 t
7 h

7410.08 <clamped/clasped> finger/finder (his,hit hand,hard)

The infant tightly cla*ped his hand around his father's finger.

Words(11):
10 held
4 squeezed
3 grasped, wrapped
2 clung, clutched, grabbed
1 clenched, closed, grasp, hung

Letters(3):
16 s
13 p
1 m

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Fourth letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Different Shape

7411.01 <cryptal/crystal> undoing/undying (will,mill from,frog)

It will certainly mean my undoing, thought the terrified victim, if I can't escape from this cry*tal vault before the evil Count Dracula returns.

Words(27):
2 madman, room, terrible
1 awful, band, basement, charge, crazy, dark, deadly, hellish, house, jail, joint, locked, maniac's, murder, net, old, pirates, predicament, psychotic, then, trap, warehouse, warrior's, wretched

Letters(3):
28 s
1 e, p

7411.02 <outmost/outpost> explore/explode (camp,ramp load,loaf)

Before Captain Byrd and his team began to explore uncharted territory, they stopped at the out*ost camp to load up on food and supplies.

Words(25):
4 last
2 camp, fort
1 Alaskan, Blue, Cape, National, North, base, check, chief, nearest, northern, office, outpost, penguin, port, post, river, settlement, spot, supply, tip, trading, well

Letters(2):
29 p
1 m

7411.03 <bristle/brittle> plants/planks (found,bound pine,pint)

High in the Sierra Nevada Mountains is found the bri*tle cone pine tree, one of the most gnarled plants on earth today.

Words(22):
4 most
3 rare
2 legendary, lost, wild
1 ancient, best, bighorn, coldest, gold, great, heavy, herbivorous, largest, mythical, oldest, remains, rich, rock, silver, snow, solitude

Letters(2):
29 t
1 d

7411.04 <winding/winning> contest/content (form,fork for,far)

In the architectural design contest, the win*ing staircase reached up in graceful form for a full three stories with no apparent structural support.

Words(20):
8 winner
2 best, prize, winning
1 college, first, grand, incoming, judge's, judges, largest, last, newest, prizes, quadriplegic, rules, senior, top, trophy, undergraduate

Letters(2):
29 n
1 h

7411.05 <bookish/boorish> put/pun (could,would old,odd)

Rosalyn could no longer put up with her reclusive boo*ish uncle, but she had a responsibility to take care of the old cripple.

Words(16):
8 husband
3 and, aunt
2 aunt's, lifestyle, sister
1 attitude, brother, comments, date, father's, life, manner, roommate, son, uncle

Letters(5):
17 r
8 k
3 b
1 t, (no response)

7411.06 <leading/leaving> certain/curtain (seek,seem more,mire)

Major Pyle was certain General Spencer was lea*ing the battalion to seek more glory for himself.

Words(15):
11 going
3 a, an
2 not
1 against, coming, displeased, guilty, in, lying, out, slowly, the, up, wrong

Letters(4):
21 v
7 d
1 n, p

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Sixth letter changes

Noun: Same Shape

7600.01 <content/context> quote/quota (see,set close,chose)

Whenever you hear or see anyone quote from the Bible, you must always remember to pay close attention to the conte*t of that passage.

Words(21):
9 context
2 chapter
1 book, exact, interpretation, intonation, meaning, passage, psalms, references, scriptural, section, source, translation, type, underlying, verse, version, versus, way, wording

Letters(2):
20 x
10 n

7600.02 <pretest/pretext> basis/basin (not,now made,fade)

A psychologist's decision to assign subjects to groups should not be made on the basis of any particular prete*t unless it is unavoidable.

Words(24):
2 decision, personal, problem, race, reason, trait
1 bias, biases, characteristic, characteristics, desire, distinguishing, dogma, length, one, personality, preferences, salient, sex, signals, similarity, subjective, system, (no response)

Letters(4):
19 x
8 s
2 n
1 c

7600.03 <offence/offense> coach/couch (felt,fell break,bread)

Our new player had just gotten a penalty and I felt I had to defend him. This was his first offen*e, so the coach should really give him a break.

Words(12):
11 game
7 time
2 infraction, offense
1 actual, attempt, day, experience, foul, hockey, mistake, penalty

Letters(2):
25 s
5 c

7600.04 <marinas/marines> taken/token (shame,share have,wave)

It's a shame that the marin*s have virtually taken over the shoreline of this quaint, beautiful little coastal village.

Words(29):
2 boys
1 Cleveland, Dallas, Klu, Sox, actor, boy, bridge, car, cookies, country, game, little, money, new, parents, party, people, pig, police, preacher, rabbit, so, spring, summer, sun, weather, whole, world

Letters(2):
28 e
2 g

7600.05 <convent/convert> nun/nut (told,sold needed,heeded)

A nun, a priest, and a layman travelled to San Juan yesterday to visit the conve*t that they had been told needed their immediate attention.

Words(26):
3 old
2 holy, sick
1 Americans, Bishop, Pope, San, ambassador, boy, church, community, dying, fair, famed, famous, hospital, last, mission, poor, pope, shrine, swallows, the, three, various, victims

Letters(1):
30 n

7600.06 <conduct/conduit> reports/retorts (hence,fence not,got)

The building inspector reports that the condu*t which the electricians had exhibited was below union standards and hence not acceptable.

Words(18):
13 building
1 all, bribing, ceiling, condemned, eaves, electrical, elevator, elevators, fire, house, insulation, leak, motel, new, restrictions, roof, row

Letters(3):
23 c
6 i
1 n

7600.07 <airport/airpost> much/mush (makes,takes more,tore)

Making use of the government airpo*t makes business transactions occur much more quickly and efficiently.

Words(17):
7 is
5 funds
2 agencies, program, services
1 as, by, consumer, files, helped, isn't, jobs, loan, offers, service, student, will

Letters(1):
30 r

7600.08 <workman/workmen> union/onion (fellow,follow not,now)

Mr. Kahn was chided by his fellow workm*n for not joining the union.

Words(9):
20 workers
2 employees, students
1 associates, bridge, church, colleagues, partners, sociologists

Letters(3):
28 e
1 a, d

7600.09 <contest/context> tires/times (flesh,flash bones,tones)

One soon learns that in the conte*t of roaring engines and squealing tires, the frailty of human flesh and bones becomes apparent.

Words(15):
11 army
3 end
2 game, life, world
1 capitalistic, closet, country, most, night, real, school, society, span, teaching

Letters(4):
16 x
7 a
6 n
1 r

7600.10 <reverie/reverse> booty/boots (motor,rotor sat,saw)

The car motor idled softly as the driver sat in rever*e waiting for his partners to emerge from the bank with their bags of booty.

Words(12):
13 the
5 his
2 front, line
1 a, anticipation, astonishment, complete, listening, suspense, thought, waiting

Letters(4):
27 s
1 c, i, r

7600.11 <strains/straits> rough/tough (think,thick nine,fine)

"I don't think she'll be able to sail next year without being completely rebuilt," said the captain, referring to his schooner, "the strai*s she's gone through these past nine years have been extremely rough on her."

Words(21):
5 hull
3 rudder
2 bottom, engine, storm
1 Good, Mary, Special, boards, boat, body, chances, clipper, damage, deck, mast, old, ship, stupid, winds, wood

Letters(5):
23 t
4 p
1 e, h, (no response)

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Sixth letter changes

Noun: Different Shape

7601.01 <tribune/tribute> jailors/sailors (soon,soot been,seen)

Garth Magnum was selected to be the person responsible to deliver the tribu*e to the jailors as soon as the final arrangements had been completed.

Words(25):

3	message
2	money, package, ultimatum
1	address, bomb, documents, eternal, eulogy, final, gift, goods, guns, initial, jewels, mail, milk, new, papers, payoff, priceless, project, secret, speech, victory

Letters(3):

22	t
7	n
1	b

7601.02 <revenge/revenue> dealing/dialing (time,dime get,gut)

Overbilling is nothing new and I've been dealing with these crooks for some time. I know I'll always be able to get my reven*e from Illinois Bell somehow.

Words(13):

14	money
3	way
2	merchandise, money's
1	bill, complaints, dander, fair, material, meter, protests, reward, share

Letters(3):

16	u
13	g
1	v

7601.03 <grandma/grandpa> alive/alike (certain,curtain any,and)

Like most young boys of his age, Peter was absolutely certain that his grand*a was the kindest and wisest person ever to be alive on this planet or any other.

Words(18):

6	father
4	mother, parents
2	dad
1	athletic, baseball, beard, belief, body, car, dislike, dream, face, feelings, life, opinions, problems, strength

Letters(3):

24	p
5	m
1	n

7601.04 <conceit/concept> drawn/drain (plan,play fired,fined)

It was actually the conce*t behind the plan drawn up by the city planner that fired the editor's indignation and aroused him to strong political action.

Words(21):

5	first
3	only, third
2	best
1	beer, bird, butler, conductor's, fault, food, fourteenth, furnace, last, man, most, old, robbers, teacher's, true, worst, wrong

Letters(4):

21	r
6	p
2	I
1	n

7601.05 <patrols/patrons> stopped/shopped (late,lake some,sore)

All the late night patro*s regularly stopped by Jerry's Corner Bar on their evening rounds, hoping that some action was occurring there.

Words(15):

11	movies
3	the
2	I, t.v., we
1	festivities, he, noises, people, programming, she, studying, they, through, workers

Letters(3):

15	n
14	t
1	(no response)

7601.06 <stature/statute> civic/civil (over,oven and,any)

I believe that Abraham Lincoln's statu*e is something to be thought over and admired by all who are civic minded.

Words(22):

3	home, the
2	Gettysburg, administration, beard, wife
1	assassination, best, death, doctrine, dreams, face, greatest, greatness, honesty, image, policy, speech, speeches, statue, tomb, views

Letters(4):

18	t
10	r
1	d, (no response)

7601.07 <concept/concert> confide/confine (dean,dear bad,bid)

After Michael's presentation the dean took me aside and gave me a bad report. "If I can confide in you as Michael's advisor," he whispered, "I'd say that was the worst conce*t I've ever heard from any student."

Words(14):
10 presentation
4 speech
2 case, example, report, student
1 *%*#, demonstration, hunk-'o-junk, research, senior, show, speaker, talk

Letters(4):
24 r
3 l
2 p
1 n

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Sixth letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Same Shape

7610.01 <protect/protest> showed/shoved (with,wits plant,plans)

Amidst young demonstrators with opposing opinions, thousands of townspeople showed up at City Hall to prote*t the erection of the nuclear power plant.

Words(15):
10 protest
4 show, voice
1 ask, cheer, demonstrate, give, heckle, make, picket, stage, stand, support, uphold, vote

Letters(2):
20 s
10 c

7610.02 <perfume/perfuse> new/pew (air,fir scent,spent)

Dupont's new experimental chemical will perfu*e the air for days with its extremely potent scent.

Words(20):
4 be
3 help, make
2 burn, hopefully, save
1 allow, benefit, break, completely, destroy, dissolve, ease, eliminate, extend, increase, keep, protect, radiate, revolutionize

Letters(2):
28 m
2 s

7610.03 <outline/outlive> vowed/towed (going,doing ever,even)

"I'll keep going until I either have no more energy left or until I'm dead," vowed the designer. "I'm not sure whether I'll ever be able to outli*e this gigantic project.

Words(17):
7 finish
5 complete
3 get
2 do
1 convince, create, design, draw, find, fix, give, make, prove, quit, retire, see, stop

Letters(3):
18 v
11 n
1 r

7610.04 <squeaks/squeals> glove/globe (pick,pack try,cry)

"As you pick up the rat it squea*s very angrily and it will probably try to nip your glove," the lab director said as he took one out of its cage.

Words(8):
18 will
6 may
1 bit, could, has, squeals, try, wiggles

Letters(2):
15 k, l

7610.05 <rewords/reworks> product/produce (over,ever has,was)

The intelligent and successful author, whether he is a novelist or a newspaperman, always rewor*s his writings over and over until he has a finely polished product.

Words(22):
5 writes
3 checks
2 knows, proof
1 considers, examines, explains, follows, gets, is, meets, must, plans, possess, practices, proofreads, rereads, stands, thinks, use, uses, write

Letters(2):
24 d
6 k

7610.06 <repeals/repeats> grave/grate (recent,decent free,tree)

The country can only hope that the Congress repea*s legislation like the recent anti-trust laws. Otherwise the survival of a true free enterprise system in this country is in grave danger.

Words(11):
18 will
2 passes, won't
1 acquits, acts, does, finds, makes, of, stops, votes

Letters(2):
17 l
13 t

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Sixth letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Different Shape

7611.01 <explode/explore> ranks/racks (certain,pertain our,fur)

To make sure that no forgotten secret documents would fall into enemy hands, the soldiers made certain to explo*e the records building before the approaching ranks reached our outpost.

Words(10):

12	burn
5	eat
4	destroy
2	hide, keep
1	check, conceal, eliminate, hop, set

Letters(3):

17	r
12	d
1	x

7611.02 <deduces/deducts> charges/changes (safe,sane for,foe)

"I'm safe," thought the shifty executive, "unless the company's accountant deduc*s the suspicious looking charges from my expense account. Then I could be saddled with the bill and asked for an explanation."

Words(20):

4	audits, catches
3	discovers
2	finds, uncovers
1	asks, check, checks, digs, discover, double-crosses, gets, goes, is, looks, rechecks, reviews, runs, squeals, starts

Letters(2):

22	t
8	e

7611.03 <misfile/misfire> found/fount (make,fake found,wound)

The police lab technician used care not to misfi*e the testing bullets. Any mistake would make it impossible to do a comparison with the bullet found in the victim.

Words(17):

4	destroy, disturb
3	smudge, touch
2	contaminate, damage, smear
1	alter, break, get, leak, mess, misplace, overload, put, spoil, trample

Letters(2):

23	l
7	r

7611.04 <commune/commute> allow/allot (car,cat spurned,spurted)

When Father Sebastian bought his new car, it was his hope that it would allow him to commu*e with the wiser priests of the order, but they spurned his show of materialism.

Words(14):
8 travel
5 visit
4 get
2 be, see
1 cover, do, drive, expand, have, impress, perform, save, start

Letters(2):
29 t
1 n

7611.05 <collage/collate> sheets/sweets (into,onto well,sell)

In response to his father's demands, David attempted to colla*e the many brightly-colored sheets into an ultimate product that would reflect well on the company.

Words(23):
6 do
2 excel, finish
1 clean, commit, demonstrate, due, explain, find, fix, get, give, improve, jump, leave, paint, pass, play, prove, shovel, studied, talk, try

Letters(4):
15 t
13 g
1 b, d

7611.06 <confide/confine> intention/invention (few,new than,than)

Although it was his intention to confi*e the secret to only a few close friends, Starbuck found that within two days everyone knew of his upcoming promotion.

Words(22):
3 do
2 finish, go, leave, quit, return, speak
1 be, comfort, complete, convince, drive, fire, get, head, help, make, sing, skip, work, write, yell

Letters(2):
24 d
6 n

7611.07 <inflame/inflate> board/beard (never,fever meant,means)

I know the chairman of the board was furious, but I had never meant to infla*e his indignation with my angry reports at the meeting today.

Words(22):

5	make
3	say
2	cause, insult
1	accept, annoy, antagonize, break, carry, cater, cross, disregard, drive, fall, get, intimidate, kindle, lose, made, start, tell, upset

Letters(2):

19	t
11	m

7611.08 <scrawly/scrawny> drawn/drain (class,claws shook,spook)

This girl should be in a special class, thought Mrs. Green. She looked down again at the scraw*y misshapened letters drawn by Maureen and shook her head.

Words(22):

4	test
3	child
2	brilliant, outstanding, paper
1	Monet-like, badly, essay, fantastic, girl, girls, immaculate, low, masterpiece, newspaper, painting, perfect, picture, poor, scores, stuttering, trembling

Letters(2):

28	n
2	l

7611.09 <service/servile> butler/butter (know,knot job,joy)

Jeeves was explaining the duties of a butler to a new applicant for the position. "I know that educated men don't like this, because they consider it a servi*e job," he said, "but it does command a certain respect."

Words(18):

8	demeaning
3	menial, position
2	rather
1	act, an, deferential, degrading, insult, job, low, most, slave-like, step, subservient, task, very, woman's

Letters(5):

23	c
4	l
1	g, i, (no response)

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Seventh letter changes

Noun: Same Shape

7700.01 <retread/retreat> staring/storing (few,new next,text)

After staring thoughtfully at his jeep for a few minutes, the sargent decided that a retrea* would never be acceptable in the type of terrain they were likely to encounter the next day.

Words(23):

6	new
2	good, major
1	beer, bicycle, bird, clean, corporal, diplomatic, few, flat, gallon, hike, horse, jeep, leave, march, move, replacement, ticket, train, tune-up, washing

Letters(2):

28	t
2	d

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Seventh letter changes

Noun: Different Shape

7701.01 <atheism/atheist> great/treat (sort,fort deal,real)

Most people in the small town of Deeth still attended church each Sunday, even though there was a sort of atheis* that had a great deal of influence among them.

Words(25):
3 falling
2 indifference, lack, strange
1 a, animosity, apathy, arguement, break, bun, chill, cynicism, dislike, hostile, lag, lethargy, mystery, problem, realization, religious, reluctance, small, split, tabu, tendency

Letters(3):
23 t
6 m
1 e

7701.02 <brothel/brother> learn/yearn (went,sent how,hot)

Even though she was now over seventy years old, each Saturday evening Madam Beatrice went to visit her brothe* to learn how the business was progressing.

Words(19):
4 mother
3 son
2 boyfriend, daughter, friend, grandchildren, hairdresser, sister
1 aged, ailing, best, bridge, cousin, cows, grand, great-grandson's, husbands, nephew, sick

Letters(2):
28 r
2 l

7701.03 <accused/accuser> village/pillage (gone,done with,wish)

When the reporter arrived at the court room, he learned that the accuse* was a young man he had gone to parochial school with in a small village outside Baltimore.

Words(12):
8 trail
7 case
4 judge
2 defendant, press
1 criminal, defense, doors, jurors, jury, sentence, session

Letters(1):
30 d

7701.04 <sandbag/sandbar> bank/band (east,last just,bust)

Kenneth ran his new sailboat aground on a sandba* near the east bank of the Mississippi, just below Quincy.

Words(17):
6 sandbar
5 sand
3 hidden
2 deserted, reef
1 an, beach, bed, big, jetty, little, partially, pile, rugged, sandy, shoal, well

Letters(3):
22 r
7 g
1 y

7701.05 <insured/insurer> contract/contrast (form,norm new,net)

It was clear to the young lawyer that the form of the new contract being drawn up gave much more protection to the insure* than to anyone else.

Words(21):
4 seller
3 company, criminal
2 client, rights
1 clients, corporation, elderly, employers, husband, insurance, man, new, other, owner, party, renters, tenant, tenants, woman, young

Letters(3):
23 d
6 r
1 (no response)

7701.06 <bowline/bowling> life/wife (months,mouths saved,paved)

For months after the accident had occurred Carl strongly maintained that it was the bowlin* that had saved his life.

Words(8):
12 fault
10 other
3 the
1 Lora, brakes, car, leak, one

Letters(1):
30 g

7701.07 <dualism/dualist> thinking/thanking (forth,north not,now)

Many of the arguments and explanations put forth by modern psychologists would easily be accepted by a Cartesian dualis*, but this does not mean that thinking has stagnated in the philosophy of mind.

Words(22):
4 philosopher
3 (no response)
2 follower, logician, monk
1 as, based, because, expert, for, graph, if, method, panel, philosophers, physician, plane, student, than, thinker, type, which

Letters(3):
28 t
1 e, s

7701.08 <academe/academy> remains/retains (but,bus hires,fires)

It was an important career decision, but Joe has finally opted to spend his life as part of the academ*. Now all that remains is to see if the board hires him.

Words(21):
5 United
3 army
2 Peace, firm, team
1 American, Exxon, Marine, armed, campus, chorus, clinic, company's, corporation, management, organization, research, staff, state, system, theatre

Letters(3):
27 y
2 e
1 i

7701.09 <accused/accuser> tell/toll (suits,spits was,wad)

Several lawyers were seated in the restaurant talking about one of the worst whiplash suits on record when the waiter interrupted them, saying "I can tell you the truth about it, because I was the accuse* in that particular suit!"

Words(15):
5 one, only
4 driver
2 car, defendant, other, passenger
1 man, person, plaintiff, plaintiff's, rider, the, victim, witness

Letters(2):
28 d
2 r

7701.10 <concern/concert> heard/hoard (felt,feet said,paid)

Afterward, Sarah felt that what she had heard that evening was a great concer*, and she said so in her next editorial.

Words(21):
4 big
3 deal, piece
2 relief, symphony
1 bit, bunch, clap, display, explosion, help, importance, inspiration, loss, new, reminder, rush, to, waste, way, wives

Letters(3):
22 t
6 n
2 (no response)

7701.11 <doorman/doormat> feeling/fueling (all,ail were,wire)

Everybody was ignoring me at Mary's party. I was really feeling sad about it all. It was as if I were just a doorma* or something.

Words(19):
8 piece
3 bump
2 hole, nobody
1 curtain, fifth, fixture, flower, fly, moron, pest, plain, plant, pole, rock, stranger, tiny, wall, wallflower

Letters(3):
19 t
10 n
1 m

7701.12 <coupler/couplet> recent/regent (entire,entice that,than)

A recent computer program amazed the entire artificial intelligence community. The computer invented a couple*, which is something that actually requires creativity.

Words(18):
11 new
3 program
1 brand, character, clone, complex, country, cure, game, imaginary, language, problem, puzzle, robot, small, systems, very, whole

Letters(4):
14 d
9 t
4 r
3 s

7701.13 <produce/product> supply/supple (over,oven stock,stack)

Mr. Swift carefully looked over the open cartons in the stock room of his store. He was pleased with the new produc* that he was receiving since he switched supply companies.

Words(15):
6 stock
4 line
3 merchandise, shipment, supply
2 products
1 and, assortment, clerk, design, location, method, packaging, product, style

Letters(2):
17 t
13 e

7701.14 <quarter/quartet> books/boots (loved,moved large,barge)

Ralph loved to rummage around the large chest in his grandmother's attic. There were old books, a quarte* from 1856, buttonhooks, and a large collection of arrowheads from Arizona, among other things.

Words(23):
4 picture
2 family, large, photograph, wedding
1 Confederate, chair, couple, diary, faded, lamp, lock, map, notebook, painting, pair, photo, rocking, saber, sheaf, ukelele, uniform, wood

Letters(2):
27 r
3 t

7701.15 <tourism/tourist> life/lift (town,down life,lift)

It was clear to almost all the occupants of the small Dutch town that the touris* from Germany was having a negative effect on their way of life.

Words(22):
5 dike
3 mayor
2 English, king
1 Germans, Nazi's, big, crops, danger, food, new, polder, recent, storm, strangers, tax, taxes, tourists, tulips, windmill, windmills, young

Letters(2):
29 t
1 m

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Seventh letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Same Shape

7710.01 <skilled/skillet> position/positron (well,bell work,word)

The retirement party at the ironware company was well attended. Mr. Price was highly regarded as a skille* designer, and his work had vaulted the company into a position of marketing leadership.

Words(24):
3 friend, good
2 man, worker
1 an, church-going, consultant, devoted, excellent, fine, founder, great, hard, kind, maverick, nice, outstanding, past, priceless, salesman, top, up, very, (no response)

Letters(2):
29 d
1 e

7710.02 <retrace/retract> latest/latent (some,home said,laid)

Because some minority organizations said they were offended, the governor was careful to retrac* some of the statements he made in his latest speech.

Words(21):
4 not
3 choose
2 be, make, speak, word
1 amend, appoint, avoid, censor, explain, hedge, hire, include, limit, measure, reword, use, voice, watch, what

Letters(3):
28 t
1 c, e

7710.03 <flatten/flatter> door/doom (might,fight make,take)

In planning his escape from the penitentiary, Horace decided that if he could flatte* the guard at the first door, he might make it.

Words(18):
8 get
2 bribe, dig, distract, just, only
1 accomplish, avoid, break, cause, disguise, divert, drug, gain, hide, kill, run, swim

Letters(2):
23 n
7 r

7710.04 <overlap/overlay> graph/grape (print,paint one,owe)

Professor Stoetzel found that he could print his graphs on transparencies and then overla* one graph upon another to visually demonstrate the similarities in his findings.

Words(8):
12 project
8 show
5 use
1 demonstrate, display, have, transfer, transmit

Letters(2):
23 p
7 y

7710.05 <commend/comment> work/wore (normal,formal than,thaw)

The young critic felt that, even when an author's work was not up to his normal standards, it was better to commen* than to ignore it.

Words(21):
4 praise
2 be, emphasize, encourage, give, let, try
1 consider, continue, criticize, critique, keep, look, make, not, point, read, recognize, the, well, (no response)

Letters(2):
21 t
9 d

7710.06 <fascism/fascist> today/tokay (saw,sat week,weep)

I saw in the Communist newsletter today that the fascis* debate is going to begin this week at the UN.

Words(24):
4 party
2 Poles, Russians, U.S.
1 American, Chinese, Communist, Czar, Party, Shah, Soviets, attorney, built-in, capitalists, commies, communist, communists, game, leftist, new, peasants, people, politburo, workers

Letters(1):
30 t

7710.07 <caloric/calorie> check/cheek (lab,lay content,contest)

Chuck has an important job in a USDA lab as a biochemist. His job is to check the calori* content of different foods.

Words(21):

4	meat
3	chemical, quality
2	fat, food
1	amount, bacterial, beakers, beef, different, drug, experiments, grading, levels, many, mercury, protein, pureness, rat, slides, (no response)

Letters(2):

21	e
9	c

SEVEN LETTER WORDS

Seventh letter changes

Verb or Adjective: Different Shape

7711.01 <ensnare/ensnarl> force/forge (piles,miles forms,farms)

The University will force you to fill out piles of forms in order to firmly ensnar* you in the bureaucracy.

Words(12):
18 establish
2 get
1 decide, deny, discourage, imprint, initiate, insure, intimidate, secure, show, state

Letters(4):
24 e
4 l
1 n, (no response)

7711.02 <seminal/seminar> topic/toxic (have,save that,what)

Although he wouldn't have predicted it in advance, the young professor found that the semina* topic had to do with certain differences in neurotransmitter substances in the octopus.

Words(22):
4 students
3 class, experiment
2 girls
1 best, daily, demands, freshman, freshmen, graduate, harder, life, most, new, newer, population, rat, result, solution, teaching, undergraduates, university

Letters(2):
29 r
1 l

7711.03 <seventh/seventy> point/joint (found,mound field,yield)

When Fred reached the point where the marathon was to begin he found that he was sevent* in a field of over two hundred runners.

Words(18):
5 the
3 an
2 a, already, last, one, too, two
1 excited, in, late, more, nervous, number, thinking, three, very, week

Letters(3):
17 h
11 y
2 (no response)

7711.04 <hideous/hideout> woods/words (house,horse place,plate)

The man never told me that Mr. Wald's house in the back woods was actually a hideou* place. I learned that myself.

Words(26):
3 log
2 hideout, mansion
1 an, beautiful, broken, cabin, hideaway, historic, large, meeting, private, range, run-down, sanctuary, secret, shack, solarium, still, sugaring, summer, torture, trailer, used, very, warehouse

Letters(2):
26 t
4 s

7711.05 <thinned/thinner> gravy/grave (would,could been,seen)

Everyone said that if the gravy had been thinne* it would have been nearly perfect. It had an excellent flavor as it was.

Words(15):
5 hot
4 any, (no response)
3 thicker
2 a, better, cooked
1 boiled, bottled, browned, in, smooth, thick, thinner, without

Letters(2):
22 r
8 d

7711.06 <rounded/rounder> design/resign (makes,bakes edges,edger)

The design of this new butcher's knife makes it sharper with the new rounde* edges. It will make all other designs obsolete.

Words(21):
4 blade
3 steel
2 handle, serrated, style, type
1 alloy, aluminum, concave, curve, cutting, design, double, edge, finer, horse, kind, metal, steak, technology, toledo

Letters(3):
24 d
5 r
1 p

7711.07 <baptism/baptist> sake/sale (even,ever said,sand)

Eric Riddle went to the baptis* service even though he claimed he was against the church. He said he went just for his nephew's sake.

Words(23):
6 store
2 doctor, grocery
1 Saturday, bar, bookstore, box, center, dance, doctor's, employment, five, house, library, market, matinee, office, restroom, same, scene, school, theater, top

Letters(2):
20 t
10 m

7711.08 <quizzed/quizzes> classes/glasses (best,test day,way)

One of the best teachers ever, Mr. Yang quizze* his English classes on spelling every day.

Words(17):
5 was
3 is, taught
2 always, died, left, teaches, took
1 couldn't, eats, has, knows, made, really, received, retired, went

Letters(3):
20 d
9 s
1 j

7711.09 <whizzed/whizzes> day/dam (flight,fright home,hole)

The 10:00 PanAm flight to L.A. whizze* over our home faithfully every day, much to our irritation.

Words(8):
9 was
8 will
3 is
2 arrived, arrives, crashed, has, left

Letters(3):
20 d
9 s
1 c

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